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COVID-19—Associated Hospitalizations Update — COVID-NET, July 2023—September 2024

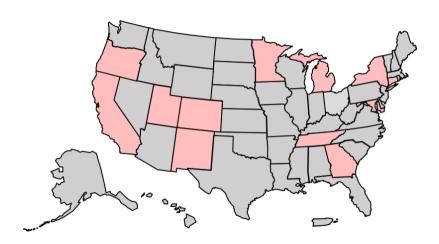
Adults Ages ≥65 Years and Persons with Immunocompromising Conditions

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COVID-NET is a population-based hospitalization surveillance platform.

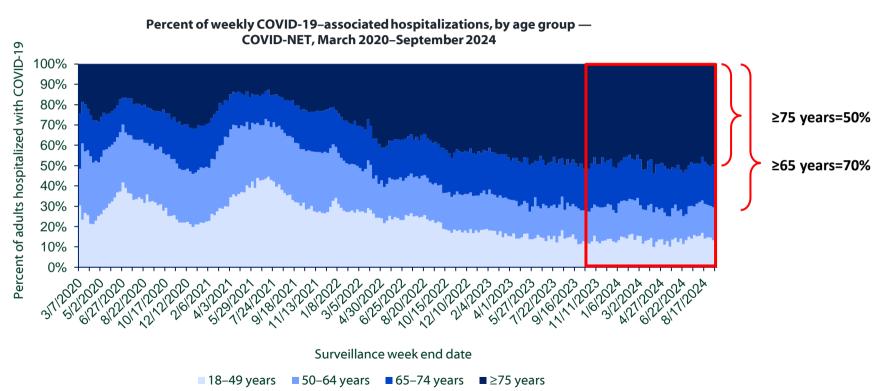
- RESP-NET: COVID-NET, RSV-NET, FluSurv-NET
- >300 acute-care hospitals
- 98 counties in 13 states
 - 90 counties in 12 states for this analysis due to incomplete data
- Approx. 10% of the U.S. population
- Positive SARS-CoV-2 test ≤14 days before admission or during hospitalization
- Screening or clinician-driven testing
- Clinical data: stratified random sample



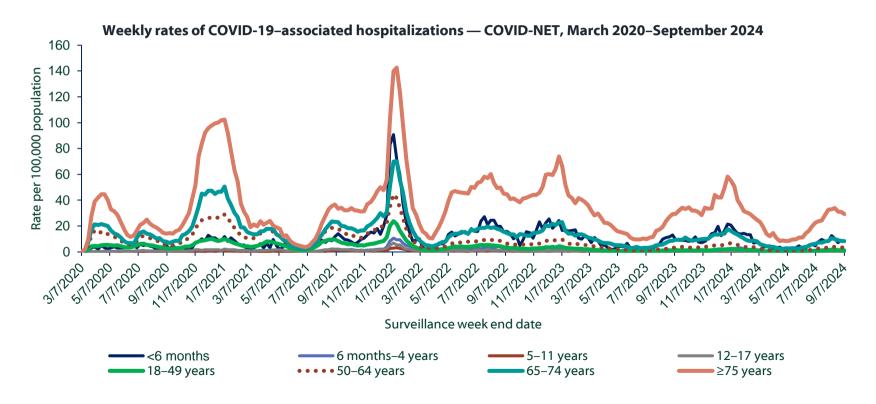


COVID-19–Associated Hospitalizations Among Adults Ages ≥65 Years

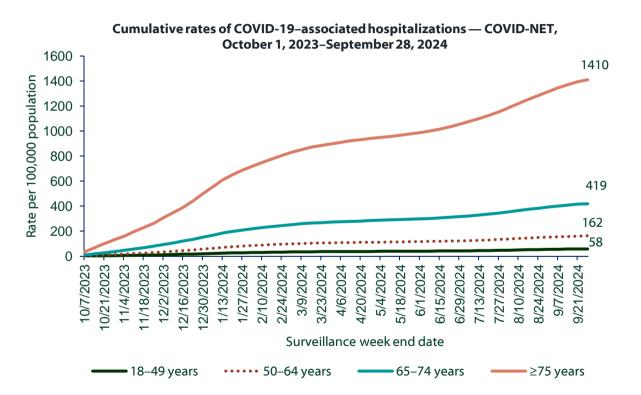
Adults ages ≥65 years comprise 2/3 of all COVID-19—associated hospitalizations among adults.



Rates of COVID-19 hospitalizations are highest among adults ages ≥75 years.



Among adults, rates of COVID-19—associated hospitalizations increase with age.

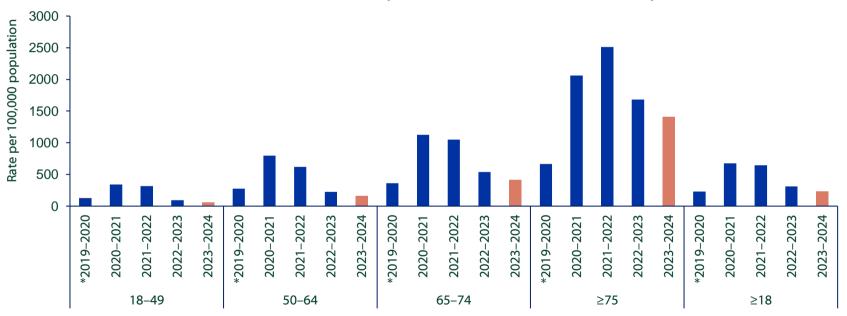


| Age group | Rate ratio of ≥75 years relative to adult age groups |
|-----------|--|
| 18–49 | 24.4 |
| 50-64 | 8.7 |
| 65–74 | 3.4 |
| ≥75 | 1.0 |

Rates among adults ages
≥75 years are many times
higher compared to
younger adults.

Rates of COVID-19—associated hospitalizations among adults ages ≥65 years have decreased over time.

Cumulative rates of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations — COVID-NET, March 2020-September 2024



Age group and surveillance period

^{*} The 2019–2020 surveillance period includes March 2020–September 2021.

Most adults ages ≥65 years hospitalized with COVID-19 have underlying medical conditions.

Among adults ages ≥65 years:

- 19% are residents of a long-term care facility (LTCF)
- 83% have ≥2 underlying medical conditions.



Among adults ages ≥75 years:

- 24% are residents of a LTCF
- 86% have ≥2 underlying conditions



Adults ages ≥65 years remain at risk for severe outcomes during COVID-19—associated hospitalization.

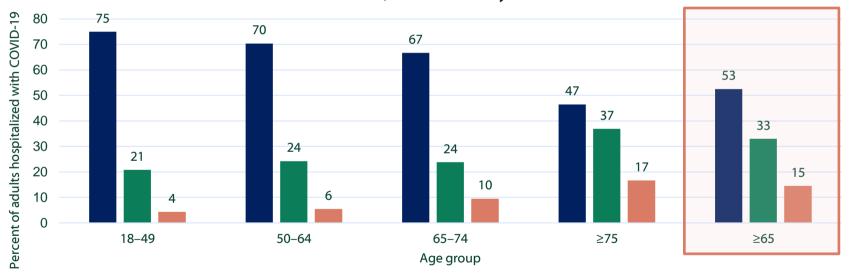
Percent of outcomes and interventions among COVID-19-associated hospitalizations, by age group — COVID-NET, October 2023-May 2024

| | 18–49 | 50-64 | ≥65 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Length of stay, days (median) | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Length of stay, days (IQR) | 1.4–5.5 | 1.9–7.9 | 1.9–7.1 |
| ICU admission | 17.9% | 21.5% | 17.7% |
| Invasive mechanical ventilation | 5.9% | 12.8% | 8.1% |
| In-hospital death | 2.1% | 11.3% | 7.7% |

During this period, 80% of all adults hospitalized with COVID-19 who died in-hospital were ages ≥65 years.

Fewer than half of adults ages ≥65 years hospitalized with COVID-19 received any COVID-19 vaccine since September 2022.

Vaccination status among adults with COVID-19-associated hospitalization, by age group — COVID-NET, October 2023–May 2024



- No record of 2022–2023 (bivalent) or 2023–2024 formula
- Received 2022–2023 (bivalent), but not 2023–2024 formula
- Received 2023–2024 formula

COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations Among Persons with Immunocompromising Conditions

Immunocompromising conditions among patients hospitalized with COVID-19 include:

- AIDS or CD4 count <200
- Complement deficiency
- Graft vs. host disease
- HIV infection
- Immunoglobulin deficiency
- Immunosuppressive therapy*
- Leukemia**
- Lymphoma**
- Malignancy (solid organ)**

- Bone marrow transplant
- Metastatic cancer**
- Multiple myeloma**
- Steroid therapy***
- Solid organ transplant
- Other conditions typically associated with immunocompromised status upon review

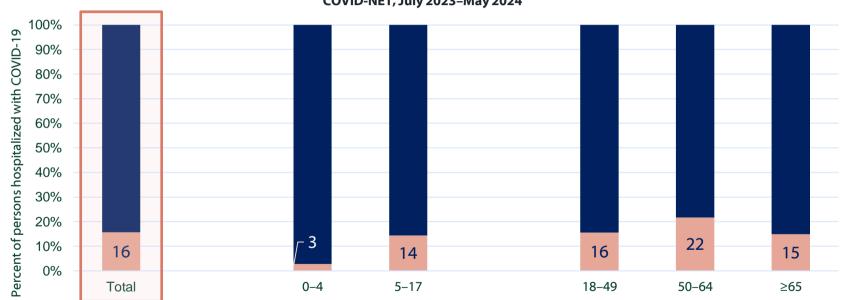
^{*} Within the 12 months before admission

^{**} Current/in treatment or diagnosed in the 12 months before admission

^{***} Within 2 weeks before admission. Does not include inhaled, intranasal steroids or intramuscular or intra-articular injection of steroids.

About 1 in 6 (15.6%) persons hospitalized with COVID-19 have an immunocompromising condition.

Immunocompromising condition among persons with COVID-19-associated hospitalization, by age group — COVID-NET, July 2023–May 2024



Age group (years)

■ Immunocompromising condition

■ No immunocompromising condition

The most common immunocompromising conditions among persons hospitalized with COVID-19 include:

Prevalence of immunocompromising conditions among persons hospitalized with COVID-19 with immunocompromised status — COVID-NET, July 2023–May 2024



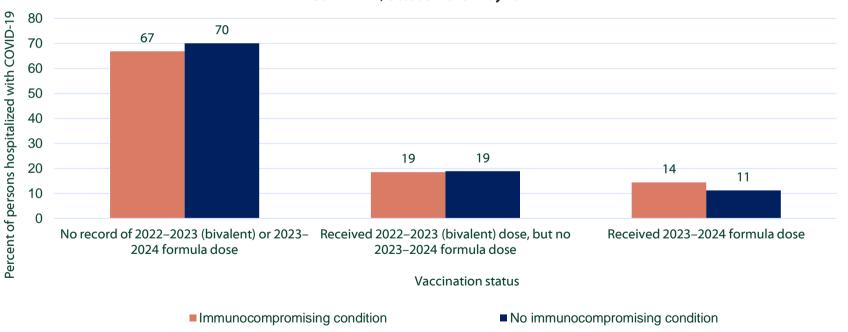
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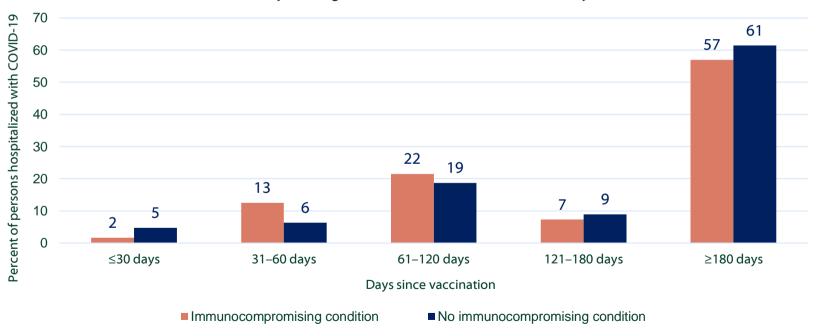
Few persons with an immunocompromising condition hospitalized with COVID-19 received any COVID-19 vaccine since September 2022.





Time since receipt of most recent COVID-19 vaccine varies little by immunocompromising condition status.

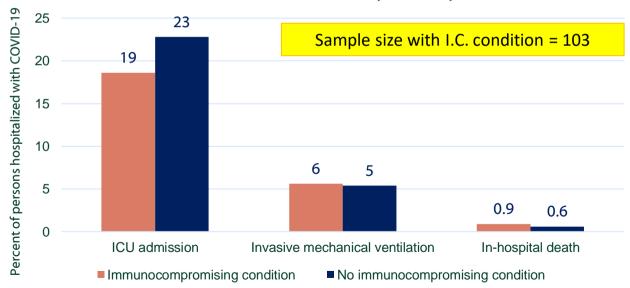
Time since receipt of most recent COVID-19 vaccine among persons hospitalized with COVID-19, by immunocompromising status — COVID-NET, October 2023–May 2024



Limited to persons hospitalized with COVID-19 who received either a 2022–2023 (bivalent) or 2023–2024 formula COVID-19 vaccine since September 1, 2022. Data are limited to hospitalizations where COVID-19 is a likely primary reason for admission.

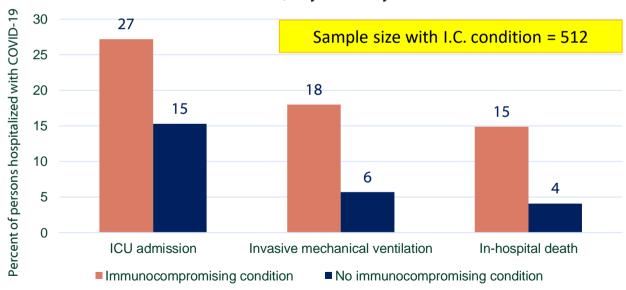
Risk for severe outcomes during COVID-19—associated hospitalization among children and adolescents varies little by immunocompromising condition status.

Prevalence of outcomes and interventions among children and adolescents aged ≤17 years hospitalized with COVID-19, by immunocompromising condition status — COVID-NET, July 2023–May 2024



Risk for severe outcomes during COVID-19—associated hospitalization among adults varies by immunocompromising condition status.

Prevalence of outcomes and interventions among adults ages ≥18 years hospitalized with COVID-19, by immunocompromising condition status — COVID-NET, July 2023–May 2024



Questions

