

COVID-19 Update: Immunization of Children 5 to 11

November 23, 2021

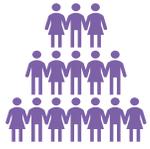


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Nov 16 to Nov 22: Pediatric COVID-19 Profile

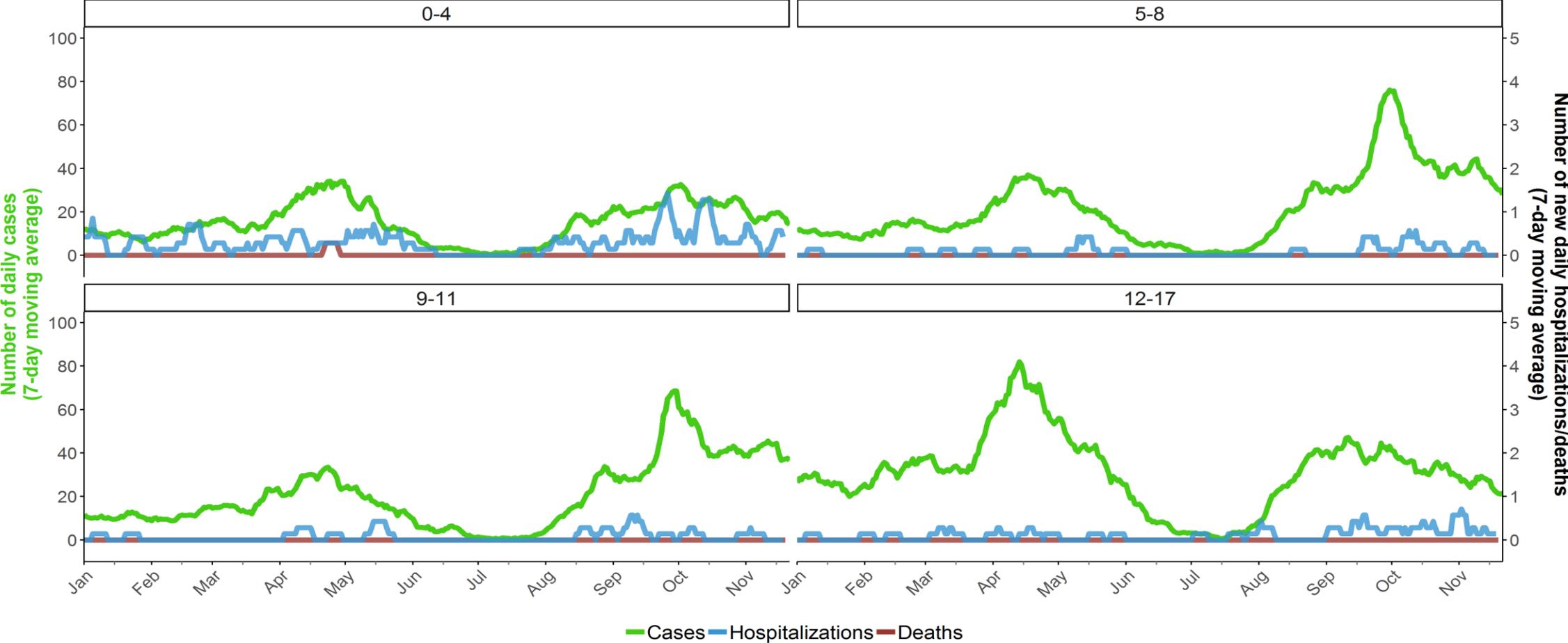


Age group: 0-4		Age group: 0-4		Age group: 0-4		Age group: 0-4	
5,888	total cases	123	ever hospitalized	12	ever in critical care	2	total deaths
111	new this week	0	new this week	0	new this week	0	new this week
Age group: 5-11		Age group: 5-11		Age group: 5-11		Age group: 5-11	
15,917	total cases	60	ever hospitalized	5	ever in critical care	0	total deaths
457	new this week	0	new this week	0	new this week	0	new this week
Age group: 12-17		Age group: 12-17		Age group: 12-17		Age group: 12-17	
12,929	total cases	54	ever hospitalized	8	ever in critical care	0	total deaths
153	new this week	0	new this week	0	new this week	0	new this week

* New hospitalizations and critical care census numbers are as of Nov 19 2021

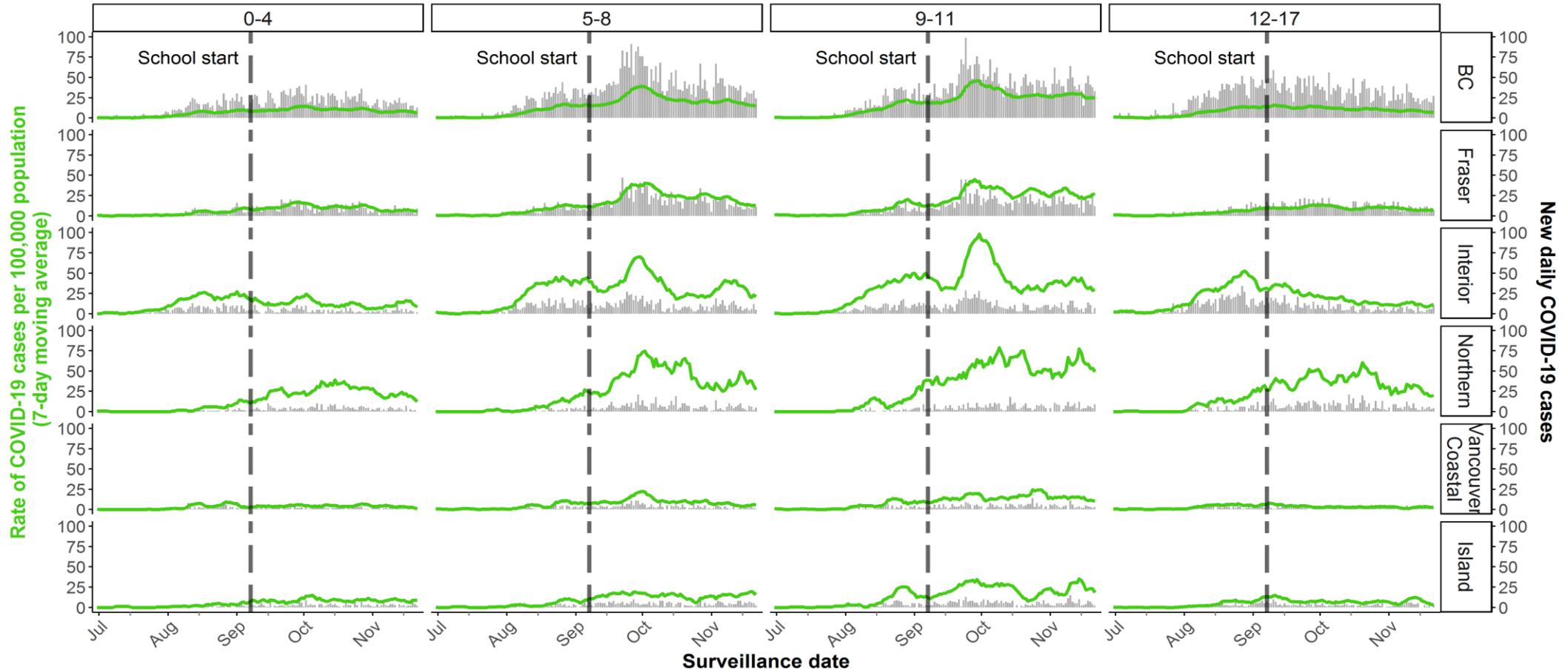
* New cases and new deaths are net new between Line lists of Nov 15 and Nov 22

New Daily COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths: Jan 01 2021 to Nov 21 2021



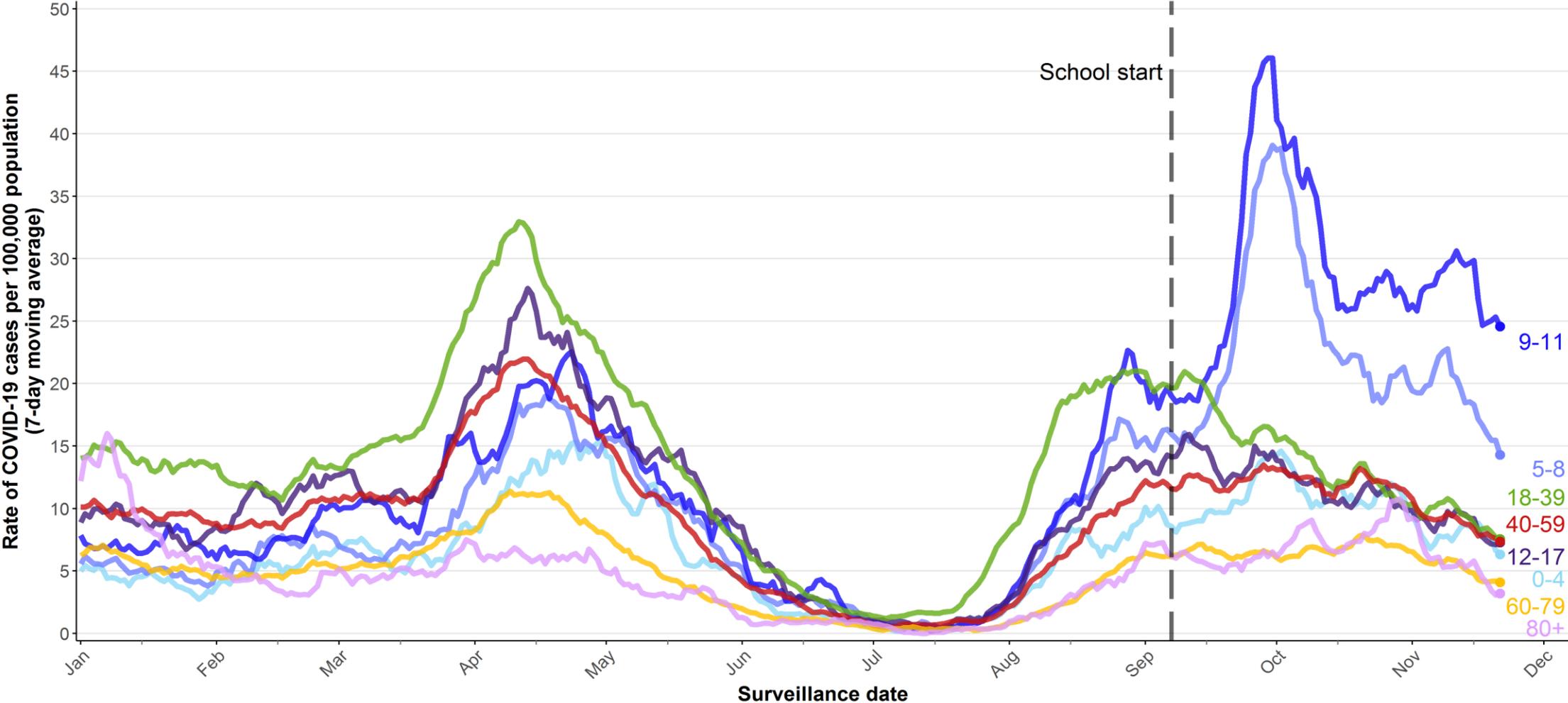
* Data are by surveillance date for cases and deaths, and admission date for hospitalizations
Data source: PHRDW + BCCW Nov-22-2021

New Daily Cases by Health Authority: July 01 2021 to Nov 21 2021



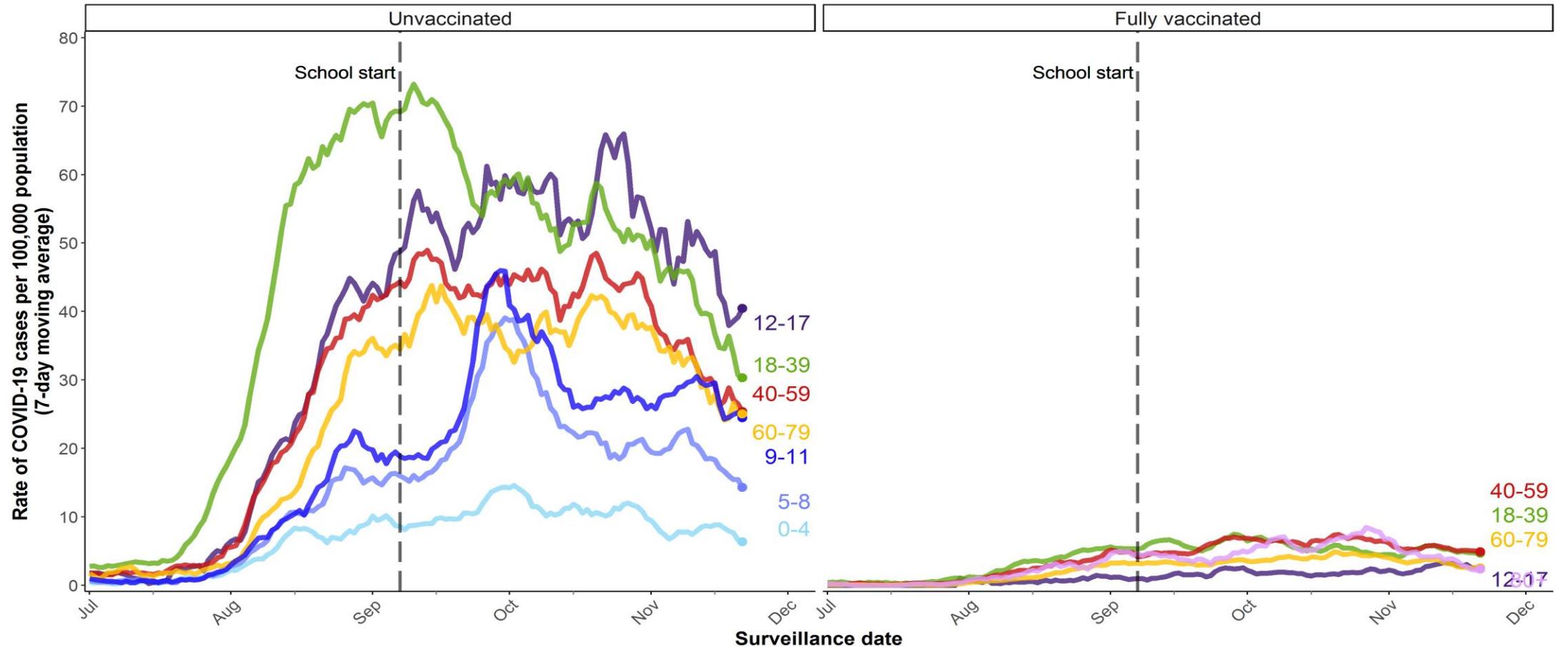
* Data based on surveillance date (i.e. lab result date, or when not available, date reported to public health)
 Date range: Jul 01 2021 - Nov 21 2021
 Data source: PHRDW Nov-22-2021

Rate of Case by Age, All Age Groups: Jan 01 2021 to Nov 21 2021



* Data based on surveillance date (i.e. lab result date, or when not available, date reported to public health)
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Rate of Case by Age and Vaccination Status All Age Groups: Jul 01 2021 to Nov 21 2021



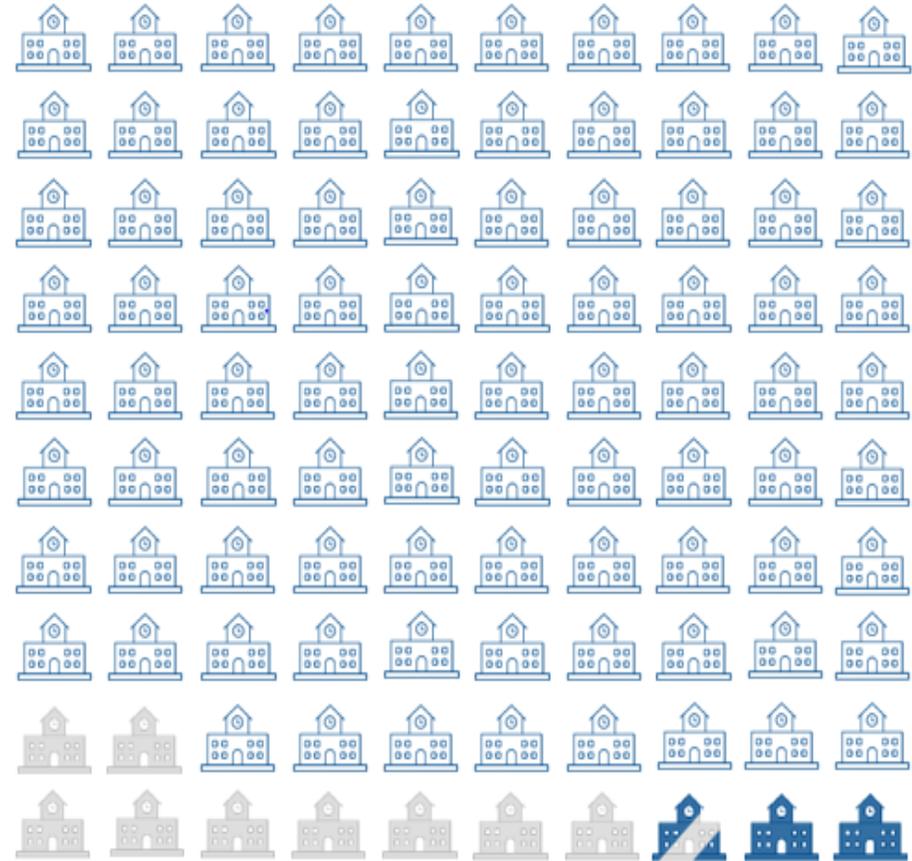
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* 80+ is excluded in unvaccinated panel

COVID-19 Case Clusters BC K-12 Schools: Sept 7 to Nov 6 2021



School-age population **647,843**
K-12 Schools **1,862**



No clusters

Affected schools	181 (10%)
Closed clusters	307
Total cases	1,187
Cluster size	2 to 18 • Median: 3

A school may report multiple clusters. Some clusters may be active while others may be closed.

Affected schools	55 (3%)
Active clusters	75
Total cases	280
Cluster size	2 to 13 • Median: 3

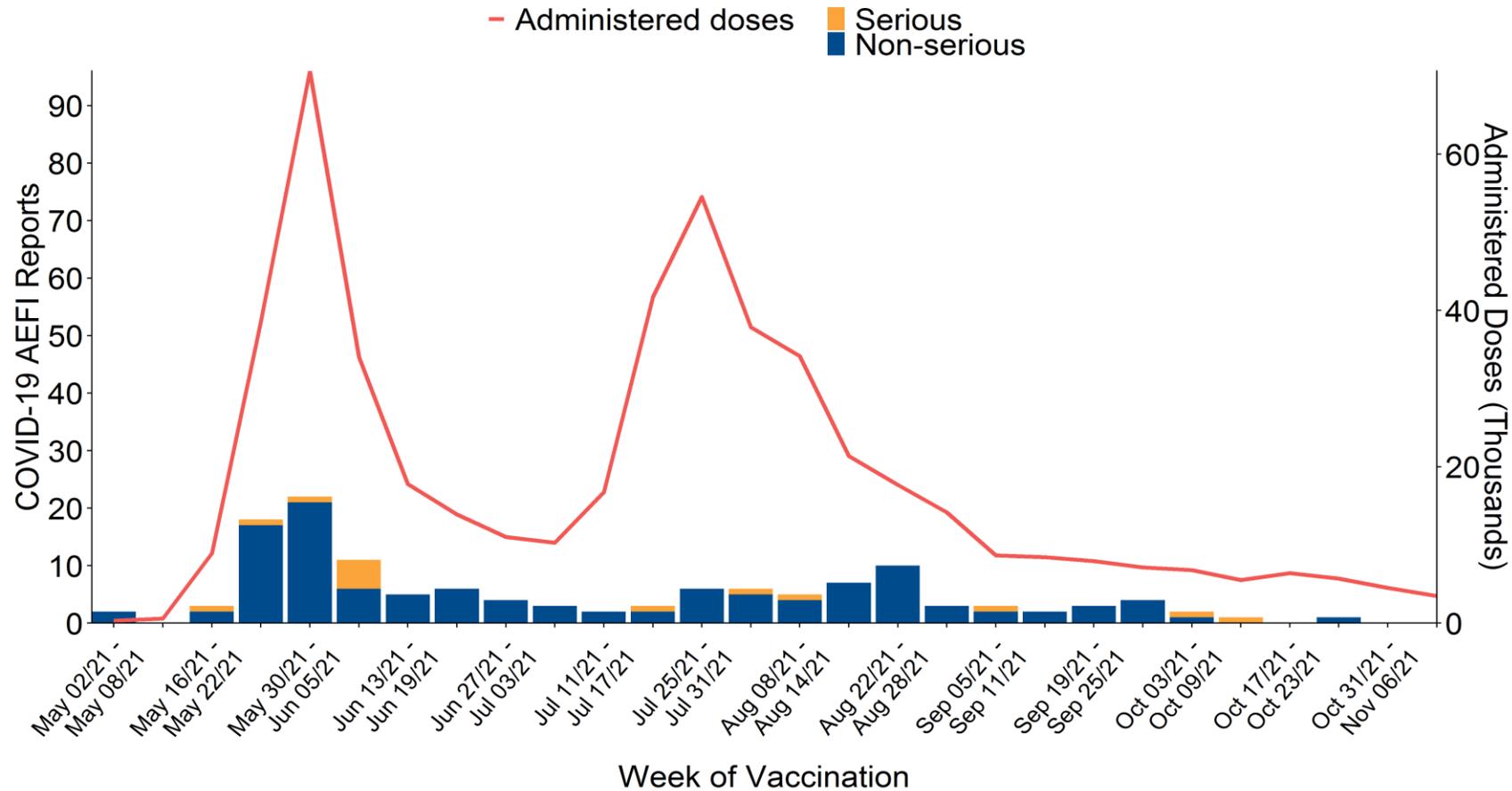
COVID-19 Illness-Related Risks Compared with COVID-19 Vaccine-Related Risks: 12 to 17 Year-olds, BC

Risk of...	Among unvaccinated	Among partially or fully vaccinated
 Getting COVID-19¹ (per 100,000 population)	4,476.5	351.7
 Being hospitalized due to COVID-19¹ (per 100,000 population)	37.3	No hospitalizations to date
 Experiencing a serious adverse event after immunization² (per 100,000 doses administered)	Not applicable	2.7

¹ Data are from July 18 to November 16, 2021.

² Data are from May 1 to November 13, 2021. [Serious AEFI](#): an AEFI that meets one or more of the following criteria: life-threatening, results in hospitalization, prolongation of an existing hospitalization, persistent or significant disability/incapacity, is a congenital anomaly/birth defect, fatal outcome. Any medical event which requires intervention to prevent one of the outcomes listed above may also be considered as serious.

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration and Adverse Event Reports Following Receipt of a COVID-19 Vaccine by Week of Vaccination: 12 to 17 Year-olds, BC, May 1 to Nov 13 2021



VACCINES FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11



**You protect them
from risks everyday.**

**COVID-19 pediatric
vaccines do the same.**

Health Canada Confirms Pediatric Vaccine Safe and Effective

- Health Canada has approved the pediatric vaccine for use in Canada
- The rigorous, independent, scientific review confirms that this first vaccine formulated for younger children is safe and it works
- All children aged 5 to 11 are now eligible to receive the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine
- Vaccination of children is important to protect them from COVID-19 which continues to spread, with the fourth wave affecting more children than ever before
- The vaccine will help children and families safely get back to many important activities that positively benefit children's physical and mental health
- The vaccine also reduces the risk of transmission to children's close contacts who may be at higher risk of severe illness because of age or underlying medical conditions

Children 5 to 11 Pediatric Vaccination Program: Key Elements

- 350,000 children across BC in the 5 to 11 age cohort
- Pediatric experts recommend moving ahead quickly to vaccinate children 5 to 11
- Verbal consent from parent/legal guardian required at time of vaccination
- Pediatric Pfizer vaccine formulated for children aged 5 to 11
- Age rules:
 - Children must be at least five years old; have turned five years old
 - 11 year olds will receive pediatric vaccine and when they turn 12 they will receive the adult vaccine
- Dose 1-2 Interval: minimum of 8 weeks recommended between Dose 1 and Dose 2
- Children must be registered in "*Get Vaccinated BC*" in order to be invited (currently have more than 90,000 registered)
- Clinics will be child-friendly

Getting Your Child Vaccinated is Safe, Simple and Easy

STEP 1

Register
(Under way)

STEP 2

Book when invited
(Invitations start to roll out November 29)

Invitations will be delivered in the same order that children were registered.

Appointments mandatory.
No drop-ins.

STEP 3

Get vaccinated

Families can bring all their eligible children to the clinic at the same time, provided each family member is booked at the same clinic at some time during the day.

Convenient Vaccination Clinics Across British Columbia

CLINIC TYPES

- 1 – Family clinics
- 2 – 12 + clinics
- 3 – All age clinics

LOCATIONS

- 1 – Health authority clinics – for 5-11 and all ages
- 2 – Pharmacies – for 12+ only



Keeping Children Safe and Comfortable

- **Highly-trained health care providers**
 - Trained and experienced in childhood vaccinations including measles, mumps, flu
- **On-site supports for children**
 - We are working with community and stakeholder groups to ensure we reach out to families and organizations that serve children with special needs
- **Calm private space for families who need it**
 - Some children require a quiet place with their parents to get vaccinated
 - Some children need help with their needle anxiety

For Children in Remote and/or Small Communities

- In remote First Nations communities, FNHA and the local health authority will come to the community to offer pediatric vaccination to children 5 to 11. This will often be done at the same time boosters are being offered to adults 18+ and first and second doses for anyone over 12.
- In other small and/or remote communities, the health authority will be offering boosters to adults 18+ as well as Dose 1 pediatric vaccine to children 5 to 11
- Health authorities are developing their schedules for these community clinics, known as whole of community clinics (visit your local health authority website)



Getting Parents the Vaccine Information They Need

- Province-wide public information campaign will inform parents about:
 - How vaccination is the best protection for children aged 5-11
 - How the pediatric vaccine is safe and effective for children
 - The steps being taken to make clinics child-friendly
 - Steps parents can take to make vaccination a positive experience
 - The steps needed to get their children vaccinated
- Joint effort of BC Public Health, BC Ministry of Health, Health Authorities, the BCCDC, and health care providers and community partners across BC



**RESOURCES FOR
PARENTS/GUARDIANS
OF CHILDREN 5 TO 11**



**Help keep kids and other
family members safe.**

**Register your kids
aged 5-11 today.**

COVID-19 Vaccination Information for Parents

There are many resources from all over Canada for parents and children, these include:

- Children and COVID-19 Vaccination: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccines-children>
- Health Canada [Authorizes use of COVID-19 Vaccine in Children 5 to 11](#)
- FAQs for children 5 to 11 years: <https://immunizebc.ca/COVID-19-vaccines-FAQ-5-to-11>
- First Nations Health Authority [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Children and Youth](#)
- Immunize Canada [COVID-19 Information for the Public](#)
- [How to Handle Your Shots Like a Champ | Kids Boost Immunity](#)
- [Respire COVID-19 Vaccination Support](#)
- [How to Do Calm Breathing \(anxietycanada.com\)](#)
- [When Kids Are Afraid of Needles](#)

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