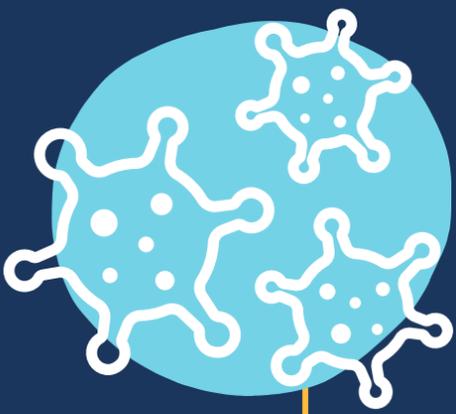


COVID-19 IS IMPACTING MORE OHIO KIDS

On Sept. 14, 2021, the Ohio Children's Hospital Association warned that **hospitals are becoming overwhelmed with young COVID-19 patients.** They encourage everyone 12 and older to get vaccinated to prevent more of Ohio's children from becoming seriously ill.



FACT:

Since August 15, 2021, there have been 29,823 Ohio school-aged kids ages 5 to 17 with confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19.

FACT:

Cases among this age group increased 198% from the week of August 15th as compared to the week ending September 4.



FACT:

COVID-19 cases are increasing at nearly twice the rate among school-aged kids as compared to the rest of the population.

FACT:

The 16 days with the highest number of cases per day throughout the entire pandemic for kids aged 5 to 17 in Ohio have all been in the last 19 days.



FACT:

School districts where masks are optional have seen a 54 percent week-over-week increase compared to a 34 percent increase in school districts where masks are either required for all or required for some (usually K-8th grade).