

Children can get long COVID-19 in unexpected ways: CNN



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When children have got a mild case of COVID-19, they could probably develop long COVID-19.

But experts say it's not clear how many children go on to develop long COVID-19, as there's not enough research on it in this age group, according to a report by CNN on Friday (May 6, 2022).

Currently, there are no specific tests for long COVID-19. Since the start of the pandemic, almost 13 million children have tested positive for COVID-19, CNN quoted the American Academy of Pediatrics as saying.

Studies suggest that between 2 percent and 10 percent of those children will develop long COVID-19, but the number may be larger.

"I personally believe that this is a very much an undiagnosed issue," Dr. Sara Kristen Sexson Tejtrel, who helps lead a long COVID-19 pediatric clinic at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, USA was quoted as saying.

"It's startling how many of these children present and have a range of symptoms that we haven't fully appreciated. Some are coming in with heart failure after asymptomatic COVID-19 infections," Dr. Jeffrey Kahn, chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease at UT

Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, USA was quoted as saying. – Xinhua/China.org.cn,
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