

The year 2020 will be remembered ~~by-for~~ the COVID-19 pandemic and its worldwide huge effects on humans, quality of life, and economics, ~~and-~~ ~~This year ended with a glimmer of hope~~ when the FDA approved the use of COVID-19 vaccination among ages 16 years and ~~aboveup~~. The vaccine campaign was a success, ~~and~~ the number of new infections declined rapidly despite the ~~easing~~ of lockdown restrictions, in countries with ~~a~~ high rate of vaccinated population. However, limitations concerning ~~the~~ unvaccinated population (i.e., mainly teenagers and children) ~~for~~ activities both in school and outside are still needed. Epidemiological data show that ~~children's the~~ susceptibility and transmission of COVID-19 ~~by children~~ decrease as the child's age decreases. ~~C~~children tend to develop asymptomatic disease, ~~and~~ presenting a more favorable outcome than adults. ~~However, Although, the~~ recent emergence of new variants increases ~~the children's~~ risk of disease transmission and ~~the~~ disease severity [1-], [2], [3].

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Furthermore, does the term "this year" refer to 2020? If not, please specify the year.

~~On-In~~ May 2021, the FDA and CHMP approved the use of the COVID-19 vaccine ~~to-for~~ teenagers ages 12 years and ~~aboveup~~. Some countries consider extending the vaccine population to children ages 12 to 16 years old. They ~~anticipate expect~~ that this step will contribute to ~~the control ofcontrolling~~ the pandemic, which is extremely important after the spread of the new pandemic variants. Increasing the vaccination rate will help reaching herd immunity and ~~the-recovery of~~ the global economy. In order to ~~applyimply~~ such a strategy, it is important to understand the parent's vaccine hesitancy regarding their children, since parents are usually the decision-makers.

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In Israel, the vaccination campaign started ~~on-midin~~ December 2020, and by June 3<sup>th</sup> 2021, 59.35% ~~percent~~ of the population were fully vaccinated. The highest level of ~~the~~ 7-day moving average of new infections per day was 8,624 on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021; this number gradually declined as the percentage of ~~the~~ vaccinated population increased and reached 15 new cases per day at the beginning of June 2021. Due to the delta variant, the ~~number-of~~ weekly average of new cases increased to 450 at the beginning of July. ~~Based-on~~ ~~According to~~ Israel's ~~N~~nationwide ~~O~~bservational ~~S~~tudy, vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection, COVID-19-related hospitalization, and COVID-19-related deaths exceeded 96% across all age groups. There ~~wasis~~ a positive correlation between the vaccination rate and age: for 70 years and above, the rate exceeded 95%; for 50-70 years, it ~~wasis~~ around 90%; and for 20-40 years, it ~~was~~ around 80%. The percentage of people ~~who~~-vaccinated in Israel reached a ~~plateauPlate~~ ~~over~~ ~~the previous~~ after two months; ~~the first vaccination it-first vaccine~~ increased only by 2.3% from 60.7% ~~in-on~~ April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, to 63% ~~in-on~~ June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 ~~vaccination~~ [4-], [5], [6]. This phenomenon ~~also~~ exists in other countries ~~as-well~~ and is probably

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caused by ~~the~~ vaccine hesitancy. Vaccine hesitancy is defined by the World Health Organization (~~WHO~~) as a delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccination despite the availability of vaccination services [7]. The causes of vaccine hesitancy vary by country and are vaccine-specific, indicating a need to strengthen the capacity of national programs to identify local ~~casual-causal~~ factors and develop appropriate strategies [8, ~~9~~].