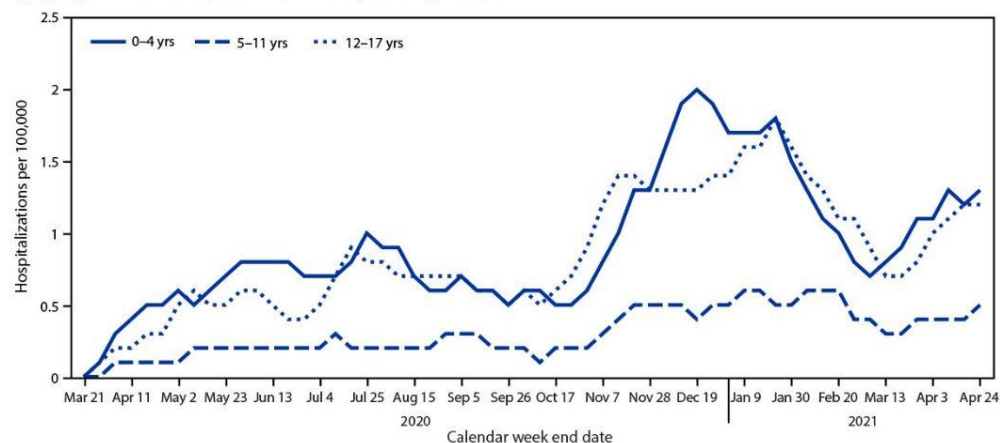


"The latest CDC MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report) study released today is being used by major media outlets to suggest COVID hospitalizations are rising in 12-17 year old children -- except they aren't. The CDC's own data contradicts this. The CDC cherry-picked dates in their study to push a narrative.

"First, let's look at the time they cut off their study: April 24th. Based on the graph below, you do see increased hospitalization rates in 12-17 year olds from March to April 24th:

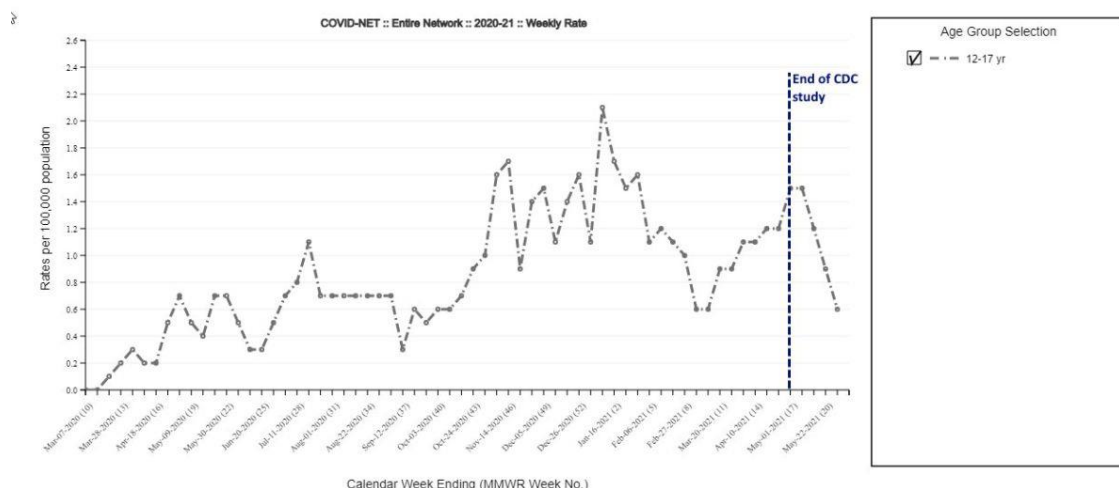
FIGURE 1. Three-week moving average COVID-19–associated hospitalization rates* among children and adolescents aged <18 years, by age group — COVID-NET, 14 states, March 1, 2020–April 24, 2021



Coincidentally, April 24th was also when hospitalizations peaked and declined for these age groups. Why did the CDC end their study right at this point, I wonder?

Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations

Preliminary weekly rates as of May 29, 2021



"'Rising hospitalizations' also misses very important context - hospitalizations were rising in *all* age groups around this time frame in the spring -- even the most-vaccinated cohort (> 65) -- and at faster rates. Yet they use this study to justify why teen vaccinations are needed."

(TW note: In case you can't see the key in the graph below, the orange line on the top is 65 and over, the blue line is the overall number, and that dashed line at the bottom that barely registers at all is the terrible apocalypse of hospitalizations among the 12-17 age group that is supposed to make their vaccinations urgent.)

