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## Infants produce a strong immune response to COVID-19

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A research conducted by the University of Bristol and Bristol Royal Hospital for Children has found that infants produce relatively high levels of antibodies and immune cells which protect against the virus, compared to adults. Researchers say the findings could help explain why younger children appear to be protected from the severe effects of COVID-19 at a time of their development when they could be more vulnerable. Medical experts have claimed that the findings could help design vaccines which mimic the protection in children. The study's authors sought to research why children have only been mildly affected by the virus during the pandemic, especially since younger infants, in particular, are known to be vulnerable to other respiratory viruses such as the flu.

