

# Mysterious Spate of Hepatitis Affecting Children in the UK: Daily Mail Report

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*Covid lockdowns may partly explain the mysterious spate of hepatitis cases which has sickened dozens of British children, experts claim.*

*Some 108 youngsters under 10 have been struck down with the inflammatory liver condition in Britain so far since January. Eight have needed a liver transplant.*

*Sick children have also been reported in the US, Ireland, Denmark, the [Netherlands](#) and [Spain](#) — but scientists are still unsure what is behind the cases.*

The UK Health Security Agency believes adenoviruses — a family of common viruses which usually cause mild colds, vomiting and diarrhoea — may be playing a role.

Around 77 per cent of the cases in Britain also tested positive for adenovirus, the agency said today.

Experts tasked with investigating the spate of illnesses believe the endless cycle of lockdowns may have played a contributing role, weakening children’s immunity and leaving them at heightened risk of adenovirus.

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