

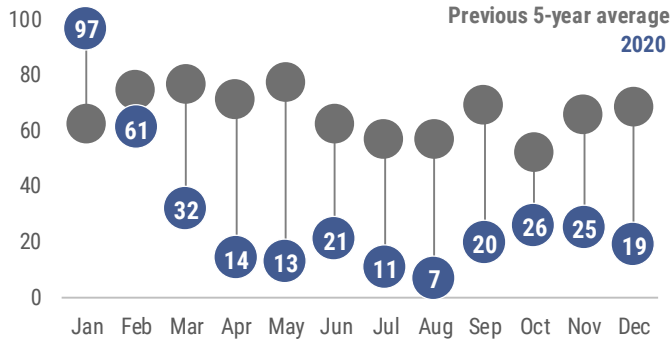
Varicella Surveillance

2020 Yearly Summary

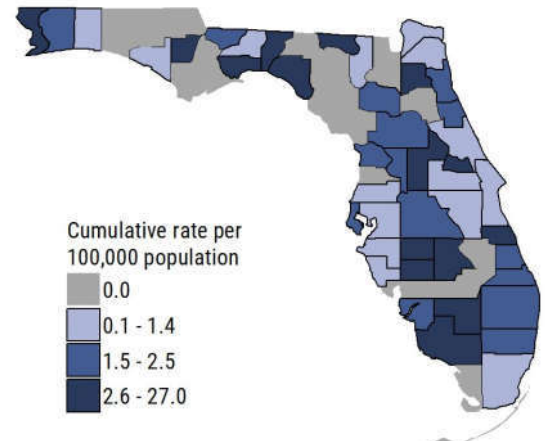
The COVID-19 pandemic affected health care seeking behavior, which may be impacting the diagnosis and reporting of varicella that are shown in this report. For more information on the COVID-19 pandemic in Florida, please visit FloridaHealthCOVID-19.gov.



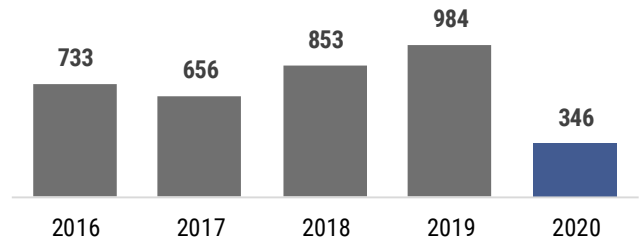
Varicella cases decreased below the previous 5-year average in February and remained low for the duration of 2020.



In 2020, varicella cases were reported throughout the state while South Florida had higher cumulative incidence rates compared to other regions.

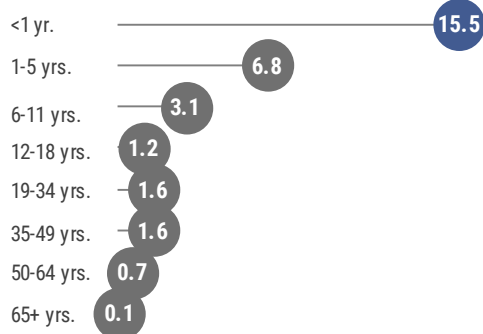


In 2020, 346 varicella cases were reported in 45 counties. Compared to 2019, this was a 65% decrease in reported varicella cases

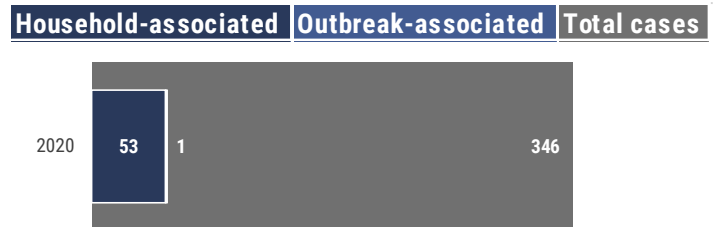


Sixty-one varicella cases reported having contact with someone diagnosed with shingles during their exposure period in 2020.

Varicella rates were highest among infants <1 year old at 15.5 cases per 100,000 population in 2020.



One outbreak-associated case and 53 household-associated cases were identified in 2020. Transmission setting was unknown for the majority of cases (n=210).



Thirty-nine percent of reported cases were never vaccinated. The current varicella childhood immunization recommendation would not have been implemented for people born before July 1, 1994. Based on age, 146 cases would not have been vaccinated under the current childhood immunization recommendation.

