

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE Coronavirus Variants



There are several variants of the coronavirus

When viruses multiply, small changes in their genes create variants.

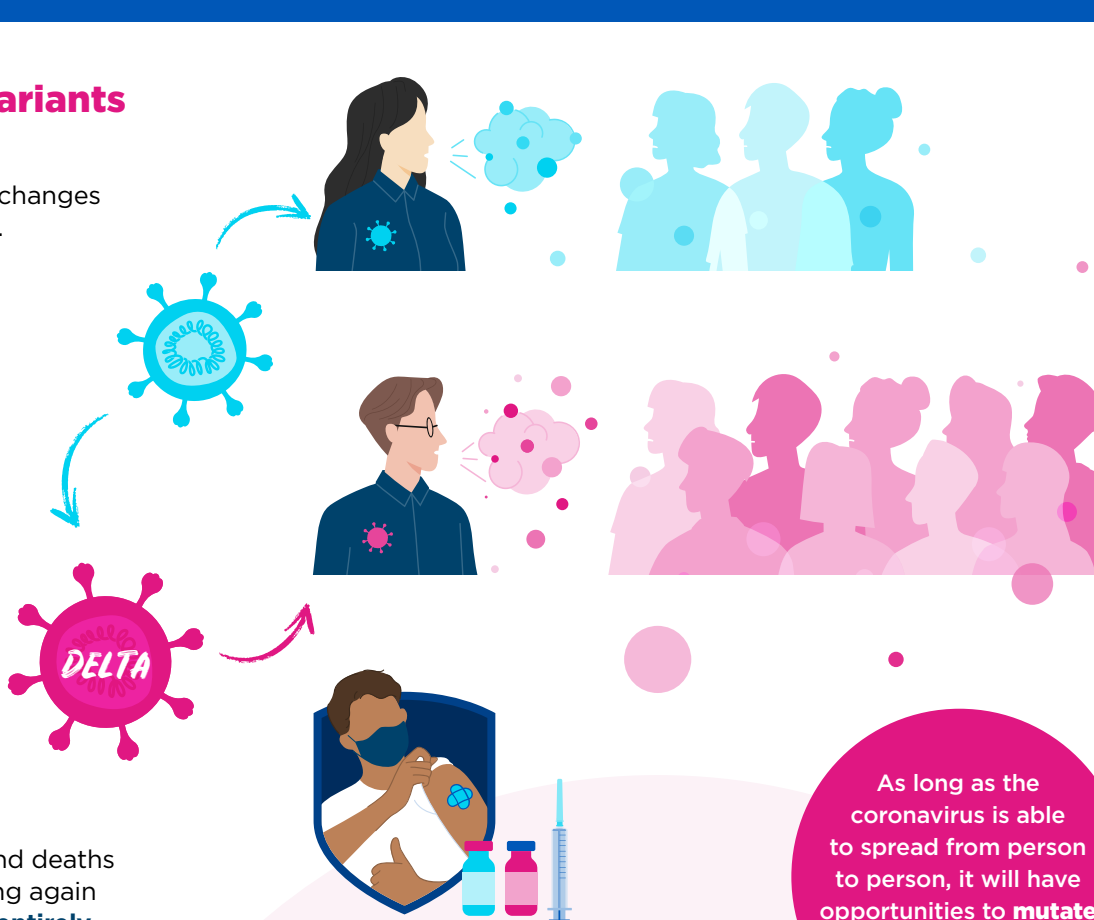


Some changes allow viruses to spread more easily or become resistant to treatments or vaccines.

The Delta variant is the MOST CONTAGIOUS yet

The highly contagious Delta variant is causing nearly all new COVID-19 infections.

Infections, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-19 are increasing again in the United States—**almost entirely among people who are unvaccinated.**



As long as the coronavirus is able to spread from person to person, it will have opportunities to **mutate and become more dangerous.**

The vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19

The COVID-19 vaccines work really well to protect you from severe illness, including from the Delta variant. But vaccinated people in areas of substantial or high spread of COVID-19 should still wear a mask inside public spaces to help prevent the spread of the Delta variant and protect others.

REMEMBER: To get the most protection from the vaccines, you need all recommended initial doses. You'll likely need booster doses to keep up your immunity.

- Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine requires one initial dose.
- The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines require an initial two doses. If you have a medical condition or take medicines that weaken your immune system, CDC recommends you get a third dose at least 4 weeks after your second dose.

FIND COVID-19 VACCINES NEAR YOU:

- Go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)
- Text your ZIP code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233

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For more information, visit [CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.CDC.gov/coronavirus).