

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT COVID Variants



There are several variants of the virus that causes COVID

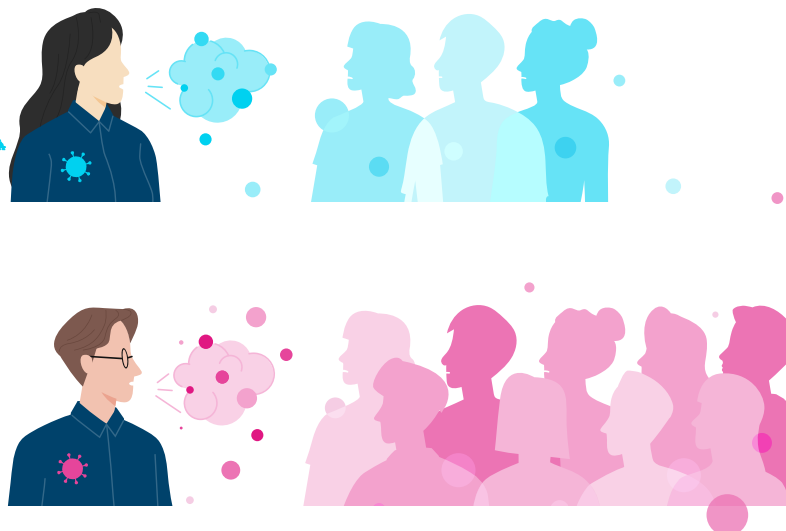
When viruses multiply, small changes in their genes create variants.



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

The Omicron variant is the MOST CONTAGIOUS yet

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



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

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**

Getting vaccinated and boosted is your best protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID

The COVID-19 vaccines work well to protect you from severe illness, including from highly contagious variants. To help prevent the spread of COVID and protect others, both vaccinated and unvaccinated people should wear well-fitting masks inside public places when the COVID risk to your community is high.

REMEMBER: To get the most protection from the vaccines, you need all recommended doses.

- Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine requires one initial dose and a booster 2 months later.
- The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines require two initial doses and a booster 5 months later.

People with compromised immune systems are less able to fight infections and may need more than these recommended doses.

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