

# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT COVID Variants



## There are several variants of the virus that causes COVID

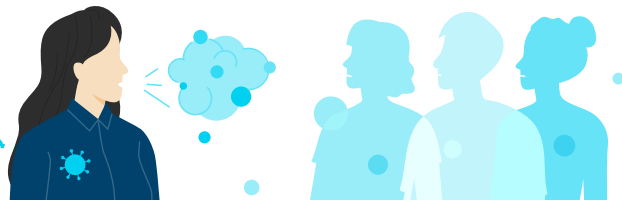
When viruses multiply, small changes in their genes create variants.



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 and its subvariants are causing all new COVID infections.



As long as COVID is able to spread from person to person, it will have opportunities to **mutate** and could 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**

## Staying up to date with your vaccine is your best protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID.

COVID 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 risk COVID poses to your community is high.

**REMEMBER:** To get the most protection from the vaccines, you need all recommended doses, including an updated COVID vaccine, which helps protect against Omicron.

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