

Maintaining Safety to Prevent COVID-19 Infection

Viruses constantly change through mutation and sometimes new variants or strains of a virus appear. There are different variants of the COVID-19 virus. All have been found in the U.S. as well as across the world during the pandemic.



Think about the COVID-19 virus like a tree that is growing and branching out. Each branch on the tree is slightly different than the others.

Some variations allow COVID-19 to spread more easily or makes it resistant to treatments or vaccines.

The U.S. is monitoring 4 COVID-19 variants:

1
Alpha
Dec 2020

2
Beta
Jan 2021

3
Gamma
Jan 2021

4
Delta
Mar 2021

These variants spread **more easily & quickly**, often leading to **more cases** of COVID-19.

Most dominant strain in the U.S. so far.

Delta spreads more easily. People are more contagious.

50% more contagious than Alpha

COVID-19 & these variants continue to spread in the U.S.

People infected with **COVID-19 Delta** can spread it to **3-4 other people** vs. 1-2 others with the first COVID-19 strain.

Take steps to protect yourself from the COVID-19 virus.



Get Vaccinated!

Studies suggest that the vaccines currently authorized work to prevent COVID-19 variants.



Take steps NOW to protect yourself from the COVID-19 virus.

Get vaccinated!

Staff members can help to find a location near you.



Continue to protect yourself & others from COVID-19!
IF YOU ARE **NOT VACCINATED** - ALWAYS:

1. Wear a mask covering your NOSE & MOUTH.
2. Stay 6-feet apart from others who do not live with you.
3. Avoid crowds & poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
4. WASH YOUR HANDS with soap & water.
5. Use hand sanitizer in between washing hands.



REMEMBER!



If you choose not to get the COVID-19 vaccine,
you continue to be at highest risk for
COVID-19 infection.

It is ESSENTIAL that you maintain precautions
to protect yourself & others.