

What to know about the Delta variant of COVID-19

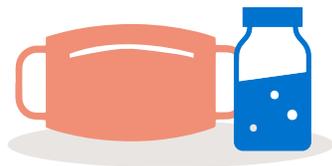
Here are some quick facts about the Delta variant and how you can protect yourself and others from getting very sick from COVID-19.



Vaccines and wearing masks in crowds and gatherings, remain our most effective tools against all variants of COVID-19. Whether you have or haven't been vaccinated yet, please continue to take steps to stay safe and slow the spread of the virus.

The Delta variant is here and it's serious

Over 90% of new cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. are caused by the Delta variant.



Delta is 2-3 times more contagious than the original virus and spreads quickly

Unvaccinated communities are especially at risk. Wearing a mask when you're around people in crowds and gatherings can help protect you and others from possibly spreading the virus.

It's normal for viruses to mutate and create variants

Variants are normal. All viruses mutate and change in order to create stronger, more harmful versions of themselves. This is called a variant.



Vaccines protect against all variants of COVID-19 including Delta

Vaccines are **still** the best protection we have from getting very sick or going to the hospital from COVID-19. **Unvaccinated people are:**

5 TIMES MORE LIKELY to be infected

10 TIMES MORE LIKELY to go to a hospital or die

Source: CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

The best way to protect ourselves and our communities against COVID-19 and variants like Delta is by getting vaccinated and wearing masks in crowds and gatherings.

So stay safe, get vaccinated and please wear a mask.

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