

COVID-19 Vaccine & Preventing Virus Mutations

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What is the Delta variant, and why is it concerning?

The Delta variant is a naturally occurring mutation of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the virus that causes COVID-19. Data show that the Delta variant is more contagious and spreads more easily than the original COVID-19 virus.

The Delta variant accounts for a growing proportion of new coronavirus cases across the U.S., and people infected with the Delta variant are more likely to need hospitalization than those infected with earlier strains of the virus.

Do the COVID-19 vaccines protect against new virus variants?

Current data indicates that all three currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines are extremely effective in protecting fully vaccinated people from existing virus variants, including the Delta variant. But you must be fully vaccinated to be fully protected.

How can we prevent new variants from spreading?

Viruses constantly change through mutation, allowing new variants to emerge. The SARS-CoV-2 virus mutates by spreading to new people, during the process of replication.

Unvaccinated people provide opportunity for the virus to mutate, then spread to the next person.

Increasing vaccination coverage and maintaining protective measures is how we can stop the virus in its tracks and prevent further, and potentially vaccine-resistant, variants from emerging.



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