

A message from the CDC

Scientists are working to learn more about these variants to better understand how easily they might be transmitted and the effectiveness of currently authorized vaccines against them. At this time, there is no evidence that these variants cause more severe illness or increased risk of death. New information about the virologic, epidemiologic, and clinical characteristics of these variants is rapidly emerging.

CDC, in collaboration with other public health agencies, is monitoring the situation closely. CDC is working to detect and characterize emerging viral variants. Furthermore, CDC has staff available to provide on-the-ground technical support to investigate the epidemiologic and clinical characteristics of SARS-CoV-2 variant infections. CDC will communicate new information as it becomes available.

The CDC has not issued any new guidelines at this time. However, everyone should still follow the current guidelines and not let your guard down even after receiving the vaccine. Please remember:

1. WEAR A MASK!!
2. STAY AT LEAST 6 FEET APART!
3. WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS OR USE HAND SANITIZER IF SOAP AND WATER ARE NOT AVAILABLBE!
4. DISINFECT HIGH TOUCH AREAS OFTEN!

I will continue to monitor these guidelines closely and update everyone as any new information becomes available by the CDC.

In the meantime, if you have specific questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks to all of you for doing your part to stay healthy and keep those around you safe and healthy.

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