



Vaccines, Masks, and COVID Variants

Many new variants are **more contagious** than previous COVID-19 strains.



While newer COVID-19 variants appear not as severe as previous strains, they can still cause **severe illness** and death, **particularly in unvaccinated people**.

Vaccinated people

have a high level of protection against severe illness and death.



Unvaccinated people

are more likely to get very sick and die.



Protect yourself and protect your community!

- ✓ **Get vaccinated** as soon as possible.
- ✓ **Wear a respirator** in public places.
- ✓ **Social distance** when possible.
- ✓ **Wash your hands** often with soap and water.



Everyone **6 months of age and older** is eligible to get vaccinated. To find a vaccine near you:

- Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)
- Call 1-800-232-0233
- Text your zip code to 438829