

## 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
- Call 1-800-232-0233
- Text your zip code to 438829



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