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://vaccines.gov)
- Call 1-800-232-0233
- Text your zip code to 438829

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