

The Delta Variant: What Should You Know?

- The COVID-19 virus can gain new powerful *mutations* when it jumps from person to person.
- There are more COVID-19 virus now circulating in the community-- the most recent mutation *Delta Variant*.
- Easier to enter our bodies, making it *more contagious!*
- Other mutations can avoid our immune system better!

Why be concerned?

- The *Delta Variant* now accounts for **50%** of all cases in the U.S.
- We know it's *more contagious* than the Alpha, which was more contagious than the "original" virus.
- *More contagious means more COVID cases and hospitalizations*

Does the COVID vaccine still work against the virus variants?

- **DO NOT PANIC:** we are lucky that our current vaccines **DO still work**. Pfizer's vaccine was shown to be **88% effective against symptomatic COVID from the Delta variant**.
- **IMPORTANT** to complete the **TWO DOSES** to ensure its high efficacy. The efficacy drops to 33% after only ONE dose.

Sources: Public Health England, CDC



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