

COVID-19 Delta Variant

What You Need to Know

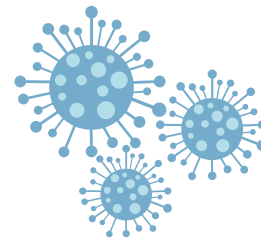
What is a variant?

A variant is a change or mutation that occurs in a virus.

It is normal for viruses to change over time.

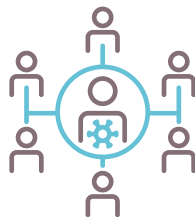
Health experts are currently monitoring four variants in the U.S.

Facts About the Delta Variant



The Delta variant is now the most common strain in the U.S. It has been found in Santa Cruz County.

The Delta variant is a concern because it spreads faster than other variants. This could lead to more cases of COVID-19.



More COVID-19 cases mean more chances for the virus to change again, and for new variants to appear.

What We Know

COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against the Delta and other known variants.

Full vaccination protects against severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to COVID-19.



The risk for serious illness due to COVID-19 is **higher for people who are unvaccinated.**



Getting fully vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19, including the Delta variant.

You will also be protecting those who are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine or at higher risk for getting sick.

To make a vaccine appointment:

- Visit <https://myturn.ca.gov> or call (833) 422-4255
- Go to [VaccineFinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org)
- Check with your healthcare provider or local pharmacy