

COVID-19 Variants

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- Viruses constantly change through mutations, so new forms of viruses are expected. There are currently a number of variants of COVID-19 in the United States and globally. Some COVID-19 variants have been found to be spread more easily and are resistant to treatments and vaccines.
- Currently there are two notable variants in the United States, Delta and Omicron.
- The Delta variant is currently the primary variant in Kansas and Sedgwick County.
- The Omicron variant is the most recently discovered variant.
- As of right now, studies show that the current vaccines are effective on the current variants. Although they are effective, some people can still get COVID-19 if they are vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated are the most at risk for severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
- If you test positive for a variant of concern or are a close contact, it is important to isolate or quarantine per guidelines.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant.html>