

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW BA.5 OMICRON SUBVARIANT

THE BA.5 VARIANT IS A NEW, MORE CONTAGIOUS SUB-VARIANT OF THE OMICRON COVID-19 VARIANT.

RECENT DATA SHOWS THAT BA.5 ACCOUNTS FOR:

- Over **63%** of new Covid cases in New York, according to the state
- Over **60%** of new Covid cases in the United States, according to the CDC

THE BA.5 VARIANT IS MORE VACCINE-EVASIVE THAN OTHER VARIANTS AND MORE LIKELY TO REINFECT PEOPLE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY HAD COVID. EXPERTS CONSIDER IT “THE MOST TRANSMISSIBLE VARIANT OF THE PANDEMIC YET,” ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES.

THAT MEANS THAT CASES ARE HIGH RIGHT NOW:

- **9.1%** of all Covid tests in New York State are positive (the highest % since January, 2022)
- Over **1,100** people were hospitalized with Covid in NYC as of July 8 (the most hospitalizations since February, 2022)

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Take a covid test** if you feel any symptoms or have been exposed to someone with Covid
- **Wear high quality masks** whenever indoors in a public setting or in crowded outdoor settings
- **Get vaccinated and fully boosted.** “Vaccines remain our single most important tool to protect people against severe illness, hospitalisations, and death.” - White House Covid Response Coordinator Ashish Jha



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**IF YOU CONTRACT COVID-19:
CALL YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER
OR 888-TREAT-NY
TO GET TREATMENT**

**TO SCHEDULE YOUR BOOSTER:
TEXT YOUR ZIP CODE TO 438829
OR CALL 1-800-232-0233
TO FIND LOCATIONS NEAR YOU**