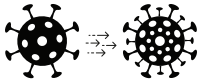


# COVID-19 Cases Are Increasing in New York City



**The delta variant is spreading widely in NYC.** It is more than twice as contagious as the original virus and may cause more severe illness.



**Variants occur when a virus continues to spread.** Current COVID-19 vaccines are effective against the delta variant but may not be as effective against future variants. Getting vaccinated now will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and the occurrence of new variants.



**If you are not vaccinated, you should always wear a face mask around others when outside the home; keep physical distance from others; get tested regularly; and stay home if you are sick. Find a vaccination site at [nyc.gov/vaccinefinder](https://nyc.gov/vaccinefinder) and get vaccinated today!**



**If you are fully vaccinated, wear a mask in all public indoor spaces and anywhere you don't know the vaccination status of the people around you. Also, follow the mask requirements of any place you go, including while using public transportation; get tested if you have symptoms or were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19; and stay home if you are sick.**

For more information, visit [nyc.gov/covidvaccine](https://nyc.gov/covidvaccine).

The NYC Health Department may change recommendations as the situation evolves. 8.23.21