The COVID-19 Delta variant



4 things to know

ACCORDING TO THE CDC AS OF JULY 27TH, 2021:



The **Delta variant is considered a variant of concern**—increasing from less than 1% of cases in May 2021 to over 80% of cases in July 2021

In New Jersey, the average daily number of new cases has steadily increased from approximately 200 to approximately 1,000 through July 2021.

In the US, the number of people hospitalized from COVID-19 in July alone has increased by more than 17,000, and ICU admissions in July alone have increased by more than 6,000



The Delta variant spreads about twice as easily from person to person than previous strains. Additionally, people infected with the variant have higher viral loads—meaning more virus in their body—than with previous variants



The best way to protect yourself from the virus is to get a COVID-19 vaccine. **Getting vaccinated** makes you:

3.5X less likely to get infected with COVID-19

8x less likely to get ill from COVID-19

25x less likely to be hospitalized or die from COVID-19

As of August 3rd, more than 5.7 million people in New Jersey have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and over 10.5 million doses have been administered

While we are seeing case numbers similar to last summer, there are **over 70% fewer deaths due largely to the impact of vaccines.**



Everyone should wear a mask in areas with high COVID-19 transmission, regardless of vaccination status. If you are unvaccinated or at high risk, wear a mask and keep physical distance in indoor and some outdoor spaces

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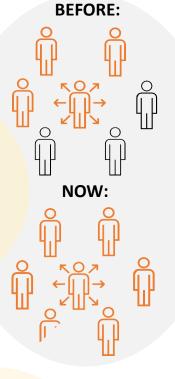
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The vaccine protects you from infection, illness, hospitalization, and death



The variant is twice as contagious as before



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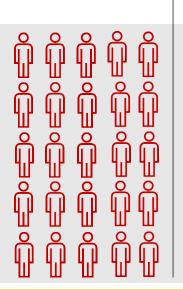
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