

MORE REASONS TO GET FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTERS THE OMICRON VIRUS IS IN ARIZONA

A newly detected variant of the COVID-19 virus called Omicron, has been detected in multiple countries worldwide and in many states in the U.S. This variant has a high number of mutations, and has raised concerns among public health officials. We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work against it.

More investigation is needed to clearly understand the effects of this variant on the COVID-19 pandemic.

The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OMICRON FAQ INFECTION AND SPREAD

How easily does Omicron spread?

- At this time, it is not known how easily Omicron will spread compared to Delta COVID-19 variant. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original COVID-19 virus strain.

Will Omicron cause more severe illness?

- More data are needed to know if Omicron COVID-19 infections (especially reinfections and breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated) cause more severe illness or death than infection with other variants like Delta.

Will vaccines work against Omicron?

- With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death.

I've been vaccinated, can I still catch the Omicron variant?

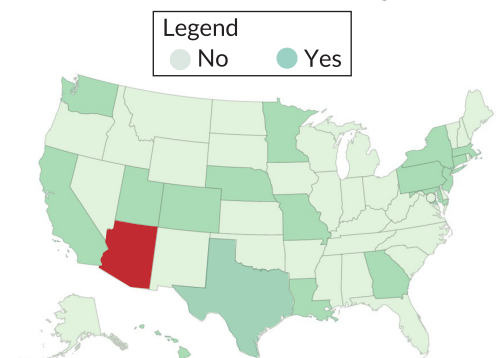
- Current COVID-19 vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant.
- Breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated can occur with all covid variants.

Will treatments work against Omicron?

- Scientists are working to determine how well existing treatments for COVID-19 work against this new variant. Based on the changed genetic make-up of Omicron, some treatments are likely to remain effective while others may be less effective.

Where has Omicron been detected in the U.S.?

Per the CDC as of 12/9/21, the Omicron variant has been detected in the following states:



COVID-19 Prevention Tips Stop the Spread of COVID-19

WEAR A FACE MASK	CLEAN ALL SURFACES WASH YOUR HANDS
PHYSICAL DISTANCING	MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS
WASH YOUR HANDS	STAY HOME
COVER YOUR COUGHS & SNEEZES	GO AND GET VACCINATED
AVOID BEING IN POORLY VENTILATED SPACES OR LARGE GATHERINGS	



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