Multiple variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus have been identified. A few variants spread more easily and quickly than others.

They are studying the genetics and infectious characteristics of thousands of COVID specimens from across the country. Additionally, scientists worldwide are studying variants and sharing their results.

The Delta variant of SARS-CoV2 has been classified as a Variant of Concern by the CDC because it spreads faster and can cause more severe disease than other variants.

Some variations benefit the virus by allowing it to spread more easily or make it resistant to treatments or vaccines.

- Those variants must be monitored more carefully.
- Many mutations do not affect the virus’s ability to spread or cause disease.

WHAT IS A VARIANT?

THE CDC AND ITS PARTNERS

- They are studying the genetics and infectious characteristics of thousands of COVID specimens from across the country
- Additionally, scientists worldwide are studying variants and sharing their results.
- The Delta variant of SARS-COV2 has been classified as a Variant of Concern by the CDC because it spreads faster and can cause more severe disease than other variants.

VACCINES AND THE VARIANT

Recent studies suggest that the current authorized vaccines are effective against the circulating variants. Scientists will continue to study the effectiveness of the vaccines as variants arise and spread.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

GET VACCINATED!