COVID-19 VACCINES PROTECT AGAINST NEW STRAINS

- New variants of COVID-19 have been popping up in many communities.
- Reason: Viruses naturally mutate and new variants (strains) are made.
- Variants can be dangerous!
- Variants can impact people differently, ranging from mild to life threatening.
- Best way to prevent variants is to GET VACCINATED!

Current Vaccines Offer Protection
- COVID-19 vaccines are **highly effective against new variants**.
- If more people are vaccinated, the fewer chances the virus has to mutate.
- Vaccines help our bodies produce antibodies and train T and B cells to fight COVID and **prevent hospitalization and death**.
- Vaccines are updated to fight off new variants just like the flu vaccine is updated each year.

How we can slow variants.
- **Get vaccinated!!**
  - Vaccines protect immunocompromised people.
  - Vaccines are vital for local economies by helping keep businesses open.
  - If you are exposed to COVID-19, your risk of an extended illness is much lower if vaccinated.
- Continue to wear a **mask**, practice **physical distancing**, wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, quarantine if exposed and isolate when ill.
- Lastly, **GET VACCINATED**!