OMICRON AND DELTA

VARIANTS OF CONCERN

**Omicron**
- First identified in South Africa.
- Most recent case was found in California.
  - It is the 1st case in the US.
- May cause more severe disease than other variants.
- Research is still being conducted as information is evolving.

**Delta**
- First identified in India and now is the predominant variant.
- More transmissible and 2x more contagious than other variants.
- Breakthrough cases have occurred, but those who are fully vaccinated continue to have strong protection.
- Research is still being conducted as information is evolving.

**Current Vaccines May Protect You**
- 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.
- The effectiveness against variants is still being studied.

**Importance of Mask Wearing**

**If you:**
- Have a weakened immune system.
- Have an underlying medical condition.
- Are an older adult.
- Are not fully vaccinated.

**How we can slow the spread.**

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
- Wash your hands often.
- Wear a mask.

Sources:
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