



The Delta Variant

- Is now present in all states
- Is the most contagious variant this far
- Is responsible for half of all new cases of COVID 19
- As of today, every state has seen an increase of COVID cases due to this variant.
- Unlike previous variants, children are being infected
- Unvaccinated people are getting COVID, getting seriously sick, and dying at a much higher rate than those that are vaccinated.
- There are currently 4 variants in the United States:
 - Alpha-first detected in the UK
 - Beta- first detected in South Africa

- Gamma- first detected in Brazil
- Delta- first detected in India
- Another variant, Lambda, has recently been detected in South America.

How to prevent the spread:

- Get vaccinated, current vaccines are effective against the Delta variants
- Wear masks
 - Philadelphia schools are requiring masks for staff and students this fall
- Wash your hands
- Continue to social distance.