

Myths and Facts regarding the Delta variant



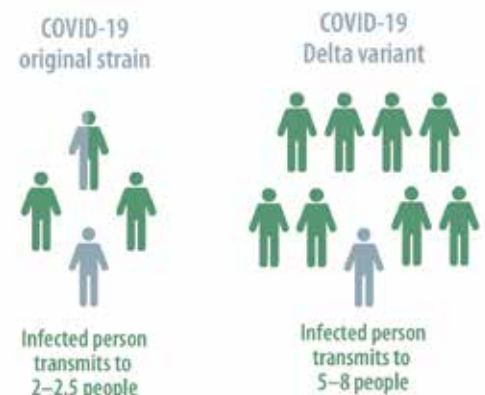
The Delta variant is a naturally occurring mutation of the SARS CoV-2 virus, the virus that causes COVID-19. The Delta variant is more contagious and is spreading more quickly than any strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus has during this pandemic. There is some misinformation circulating about this dangerous strain. Make sure you get the facts:

Myth: The increase in COVID-19 cases is primarily among the vaccinated.

Breakthrough infections can happen; no vaccine is 100% effective. However, these cases are rare and fully vaccinated people who do test positive for COVID-19 typically report mild or no symptoms and only represent a very small proportion of transmission. Data shows the vaccines are working to protect folks from serious illness, hospitalization, and death. **From January 1, 2021, through July 22, 2021, over 98% of COVID cases occurred among people who were not fully vaccinated.**

Myth: The Delta variant is not that dangerous.

The Delta variant is highly infectious and is spreading more rapidly than any previous strain of COVID-19. It is currently the predominate strain of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and is responsible for a spike in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths across the state.



Myth: If I've been infected with COVID-19, I will be protected against new variants of the disease.

If you previously had COVID-19 and have not yet been vaccinated, CDC and health experts don't know if you'll have immunity, or protection, against the COVID-19 variants. This is why, even if you've already been sick, it is important to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

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- Visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm>
- Questions about COVID-19 vaccines? Call **844-684-1064** (toll-free).
- Visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html>