

# Stay safe from COVID-19 variants

When a **virus mutates** (changes), the new form is called a **variant**.  
Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 can help stop the spread of variants.



## Keep yourself and others safe

- **Long-term Care Facility staff** who get a **COVID-19 vaccine** can keep themselves, their families and their patients **safe**.
- **Elderly or immunocompromised people** are at a higher risk for complications due to COVID-19.

## STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT COVID-19

### What to know about variants

- When more people get sick, the virus that causes COVID-19 has more chances to mutate and **new variants appear**. Vaccines may be less effective against future variants.
- Some variants can **spread faster** and make people **sicker**.
- More people could get **very sick or die** when a variant spreads.
- When **more people are vaccinated**, more people are **protected from variants**.

### Vaccines can help stop variants

- One of the **best ways** to stop the spread of variants is to **get a COVID-19 vaccine**.
- The COVID-19 **vaccines are safe and effective** against known variants.

**Get your FREE vaccine!**