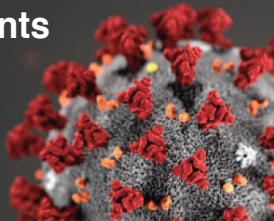


Naming system for Covid variants

The World Health Organisation has announced a new naming system for variants of Covid-19, using letters from the Greek alphabet in a bid to simplify discussion and remove stigma

COVID-19 “VARIANTS OF CONCERN”

Strains posing additional risks to public health



Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta
Variant: B.1.1.7	B.1.351	P.1	B.1.617.2
Country of discovery: UK	South Africa	Brazil / Japan	India
First detected: Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Dec 2020	Dec 2020
Transmissibility: Increased by 43% to 90%	Increased by about 50%	Increased	Increased, still being assessed
Severity: Possible increased risk of hospitalisation and mortality	Possible 20% increased risk of in-hospital mortality	Under investigation, limited impact	Insufficient information

ESTIMATED EFFECTIVENESS OF COVID-19 VACCINES (%)*

