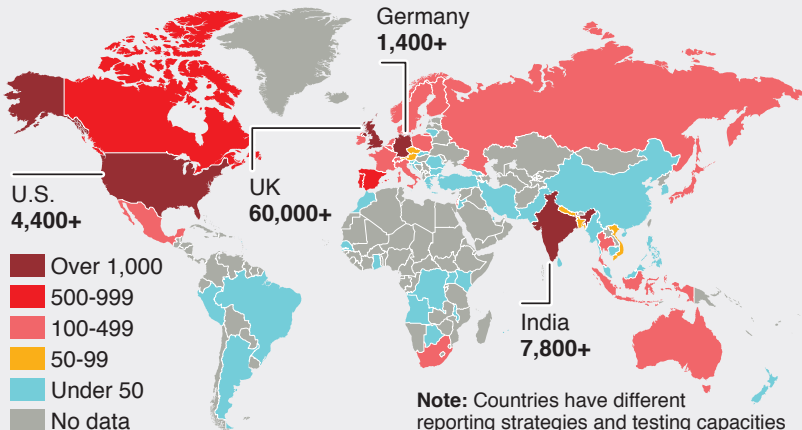


Reported Delta variant cases worldwide

The coronavirus Delta variant, first identified in India, is rapidly spreading across the world and is the most contagious of any Covid-19 strain so far identified, according to the World Health Organisation

NUMBER OF COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT CASES (as of June 28, 2021)



Note: Countries have different reporting strategies and testing capacities influencing number of reported cases

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT DELTA

■ **Variant first found in Indian state of Maharashtra in Oct 2020**

■ **Will become dominant strain worldwide, according to WHO**

■ **Responsible for more than 90% of new cases in UK and 20% in U.S. (as of mid-June)**

■ **Associated with 64% increased chance of household transmission, compared to Alpha variant first identified in UK**

■ **More likely than Alpha variant to cause hospitalisation**

■ **Vaccines:** Slightly less effective at preventing hospitalisation in people with Delta, compared to those with Alpha variant*

Pfizer-BioNTech
6% less
AstraZeneca
1% less

*After two doses

