

Omicron:

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS NEW VARIANT



- 1** Viruses like SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, **mutate or change constantly.**
- 2** All over the world, **scientists are studying** the Omicron variant.
- 3** **We know how to protect ourselves and others against infection:** Get vaccinated (and a booster for everyone 18 and older), wear a mask in indoor public settings or outdoor crowded settings, keep physical distance, and wash hands frequently.
- 4** The **Department of Health and Welfare** is monitoring Omicron closely.
- 5** As we learn more, **we will share updated information** on how you can best protect yourself and keep your loved ones and community safe.