



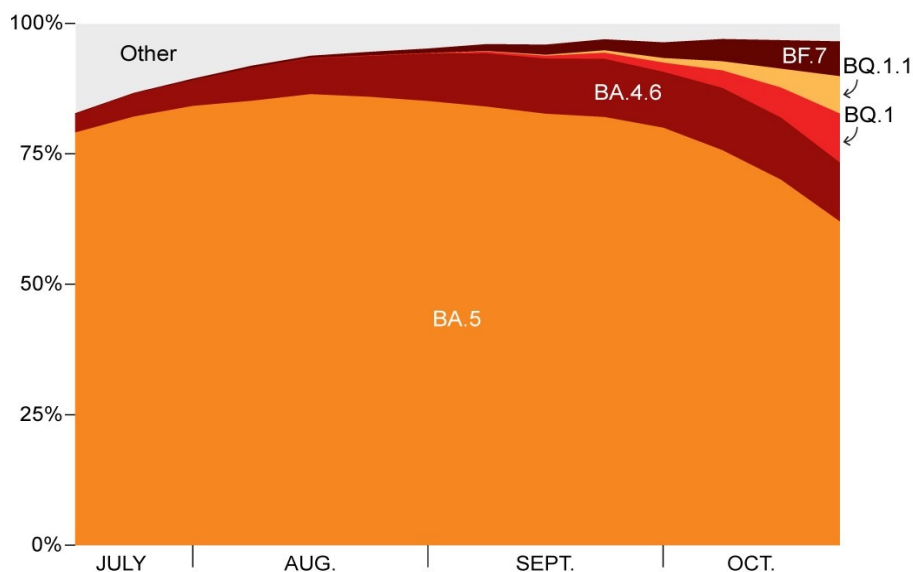
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New Omicron subvariants appear before expected surge

A handful of new Omicron subvariants have emerged weeks ahead of an expected winter surge. Three of those — BQ.1, BQ.1.1 and BF.7 — make up 23% of current Covid-19 cases in the U.S., according to the CDC's Nowcast model. BA.5 is still the most dominant strain, responsible for more than half of all cases as of the week ending October 22.

BA.5 still makes up the majority of current cases

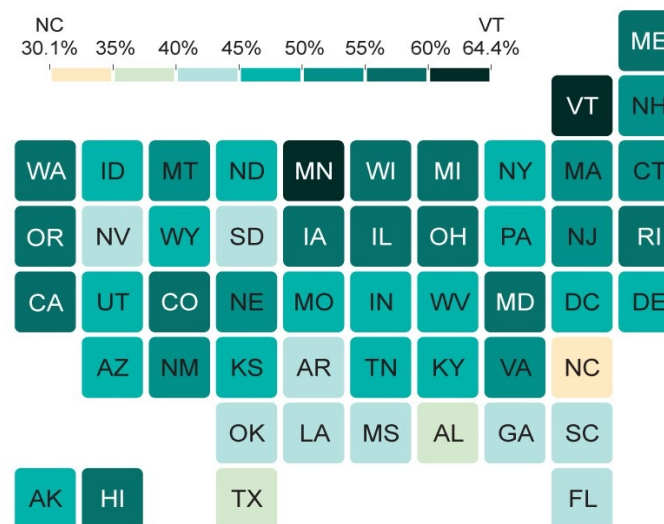
CIRCULATING VARIANTS, FROM THE WEEK ENDING JULY 23 TO OCT. 22



Note: Data from the CDC Nowcast model estimates variant proportions that are retroactively adjusted. For the most recent week, the margins of error are: for BA.5, +/- 4.2% pts, for BA.4.6, +/- 1.2% pts, for BQ.1, +/- 3.1% pts percent, for BQ.1.1, +/- 2.8% pts and for BF.7, +/- 0.9% pts.

Southern states still trail in booster uptake

RESIDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED ANY BOOSTER DOSE, AS OF OCT. 19



Sources: CDC, POLITICO staff reports



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The latest in pandemic news

- CDC advisers voted 15-0 on Oct. 20 to add Covid-19 vaccines to routine immunization schedules for children and adults.
- California will lift its Covid-19 public health state of emergency on Feb. 28.
- Four in 5 Americans have received at least one Covid-19 vaccine as of Oct.19, according to the CDC. Just under half of the U.S. population has completed their primary vaccine series and received a booster dose.



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