



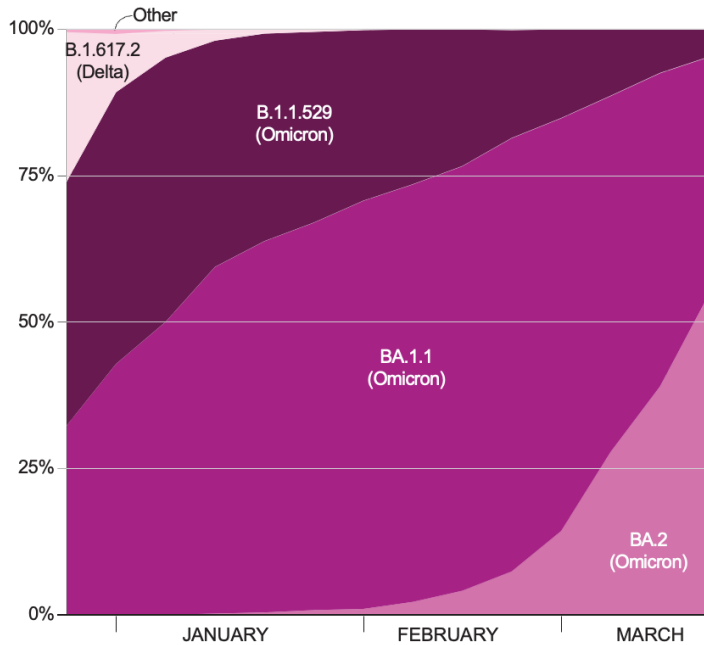
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Majority of current Covid-19 cases are now BA.2 Omicron subvariant

The CDC on March 29 announced the BA.2 Omicron subvariant accounts for about 54% of new cases in the U.S. The subvariant accounted for about 86% of new cases worldwide from Feb. 16 to March 17, according to data released by the WHO on March 22. It is believed to be even more transmissible than the Omicron subvariants that accounted for the largest-ever U.S. spike in cases in January.

Highly-transmissible BA.2 variant dominates new infections

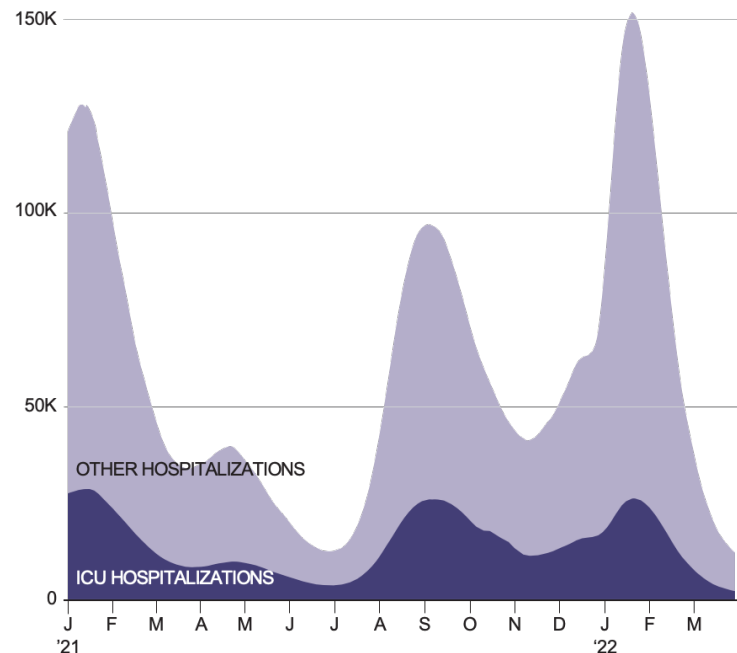
MOST COMMON VARIANTS, FROM THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 25 TO MARCH 26



*Data from the CDC Nowcast model estimates subvariant proportions that are retroactively adjusted. The 95 percent prediction interval for the most recent week ending March 26 are for BA.2, 50.8 to 59.1 percent; for BA.1.1, 36.4 to 44.5 percent; for B.1.1.529, 3.9 to 5.7 percent.

Hospitalizations at lowest point since summer 2021

PATIENTS WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE AS OF MARCH 31



Sources: CDC, HHS, POLITICO staff reports



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The latest in pandemic news

- Senators are close to finalizing a \$10 billion Covid-19 relief deal. As of March 31 the package does not include funding for global vaccinations.
- The CDC updated its emergency use authorizations to include certain additional vaccine doses: a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine for all adults 50 years or older; a second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for immunocompromised people aged 12 and older; and a second booster dose of the Moderna vaccine to immunocompromised people aged 18 and older.



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