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COVID IMMUNITY STUDY NEWSLETTER

Official Study Newsletter for Participating Long-Term Care, Assisted Living & Retirement Homes

HELP FIGHT COVID



JOIN OUR STUDY

Study Updates:

Recruitment is Happening:

Speak to your research coordinator at participating homes for more information about joining.



WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

98% of residents have had a 4th dose.

Vaccines have reduced the risk of death within our communities. Let's continue to fight to stop COVID together!



Resident Spotlight



Gloria
Resident at The
Village of Tansley
Woods



What inspires you to participate in the study?

"I wanted to help stop this dreadful virus that's going around and spreading. I feel honoured to be asked to join the study and anything I can do to help is a plus."



What is the Omicron Variant



Viruses often mutate over time, which means their DNA and infectious properties change.

Omicron is a version of the original COVID-19 virus.

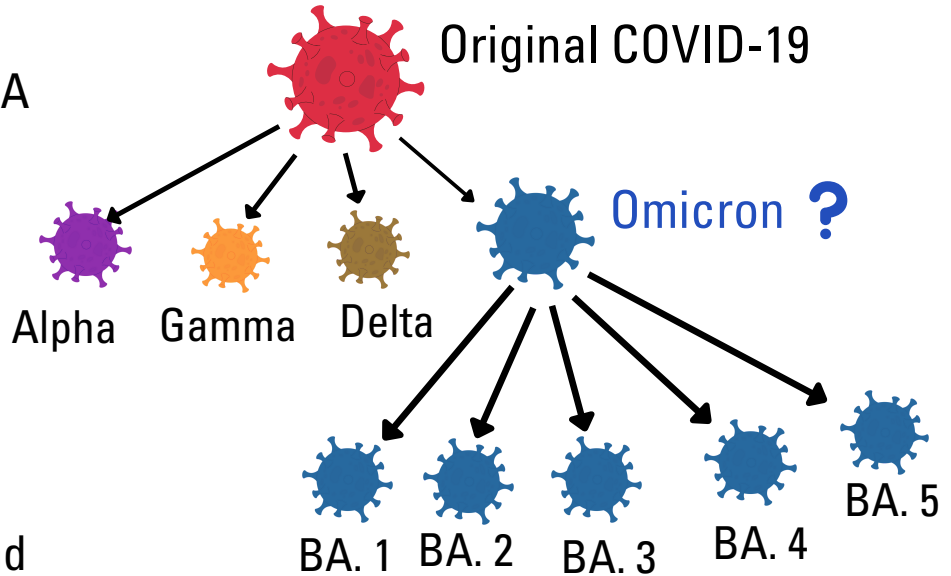
Within Omicron, there are currently several different strains, such as the BA.4 and BA.5 viruses. Researchers

continue to identify new strains as the virus continues to mutate.

Omicron, especially BA.4 and BA.5, may be more infectious but less deadly than the original COVID-19 virus.

While the first vaccines were designed for the original COVID-19 strain, they still work against Omicron. When it comes to variants, vaccines appear to provide more protection against death and serious illness than infection.

Staying up to date on your vaccines is one of the best ways to stay protected against Omicron!



Want More Study Information and Updates?

Visit the study station on Main Street at participating villages or visit our website at covidinltc.ca to learn more about our study.

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COVID TOGETHER**

