



Respiratory Viruses

CDC Respiratory Virus Updates

CDC is posting updates on the respiratory illness season here every week.

Update on SARS CoV-2 Variant BA.2.86 Being Tracked by CDC

August 30, 2023, 3:30 PM EDT

What CDC knows

At this time, we don't know *how well* this variant spreads, but we know that it spreads *in the same way* as other variants. [Take preventative actions](#) to protect yourself and others from infection.

What CDC is doing

CDC is tracking a new SARS-CoV-2 variant called BA.2.86 and working to better understand its potential impact on public health.

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Additional Data

- [COVID Variant Proportions](#)
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- [Respiratory Virus Hospitalization Surveillance Network](#)

New COVID-19 Variant BA2.86 Being Tracked by CDC

August 23, 2023, 10:10 AM EDT

What CDC knows

A new variant of SARS-CoV-2 called BA.2.86 was detected in Denmark and Israel. This variant is notable because of a large number of genetic differences from previous versions of SARS-CoV-2.

What CDC is doing

Based on what CDC knows now, we've prepared a scientific assessment of the risk profile posed by BA.2.86.

Keep reading: [COVID-19 Variant](#)

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