



Omicron and you

**All viruses change over time –
and COVID-19 is no exception.**

Currently, the main variant of the virus is called Omicron, but there will be more.

Even though Omicron is less severe than previous variants it can still cause serious illness, it spreads faster and is easier to pass on.

This means that:

There is more chance of some people becoming seriously ill with it, or even dying.

More people are having to self-isolate and stay at home.

More people are off work or school.

More hospital and care services are having to cancel non-urgent treatment and operations.

More people are becoming ill while they wait for delayed surgery.

There is more disruption to people's lives.

**It is very important to have a booster
jab, because it strengthens your
protection against Omicron.**

If you've not had any vaccinations,
it's never too late to come forward and
start to be protected against COVID-19.

We want to help.
Get in touch with us at:
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