

PFT COVID Update 1-26-22: Omicron Q & A - Peak Info - Times Insights - Links

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You Have Questions. We Have Answers.

The following question and answer (Q & A's) article from ABC news contains a series of the most popular questions being asked about COVID-19 during the nationwide Omicron variant surge. In addition, the article contains links to additional Q&A stories—making this a relatively comprehensive list as the Omicron surge (appears to) begin to peak in certain parts of the country.

Reinfections, breakthrough infections, quarantine queries, vaccination questions and more can be [found in this article from ABC News.](#)

Take the time necessary to stay informed and up to date, as information moves about as fast as Omicron did to become the dominant variant in the country. If there is a core takeaway from all of this—it is a reminder that the more things have changed, the more they have stayed the same.

Get vaccinated. Get boosted. Mask wisely. Still be smart about social distancing.

“In general, you are probably five to 10 times more likely to become infected if you are unvaccinated, and you are probably 15-20 times more likely to die from COVID if you end up being hospitalized.

“If you are vaccinated, even though you may get infected...it is likely to be mild, it's likely to last a shorter amount of time, you're less likely to transmit it to someone else and more quick to recover from it.” — Dr. Joseph Kontra, chief of infectious diseases, Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health

Reprise From Tuesday Blast: More About The Omicron Peak

Recent statistics reveal an approaching spike and decline in COVID-19 cases in many areas across the country. And while such a reprieve from the Omicron variant firestorm will be welcomed, the White House’s chief medical adviser, Dr. Anthony Fauci, cautioned that there may never be a return to the “normal” of pre-pandemic life.

“... Control means you're not eliminating it, you're not eradicating it, but it gets down to such a low level, that it's essentially integrated into the general respiratory infections that we have learned to live with,” Fauci says. But living with the virus is not a return to pre-pandemic normal; it will require Americans to incorporate four defenses— vaccines, testing, masks, and therapies—into their everyday lives.”

[Click here to read the entire article at Fortune.com](#)

What Comes Next? The Times Covid Newsletter Looks Down The Road ...

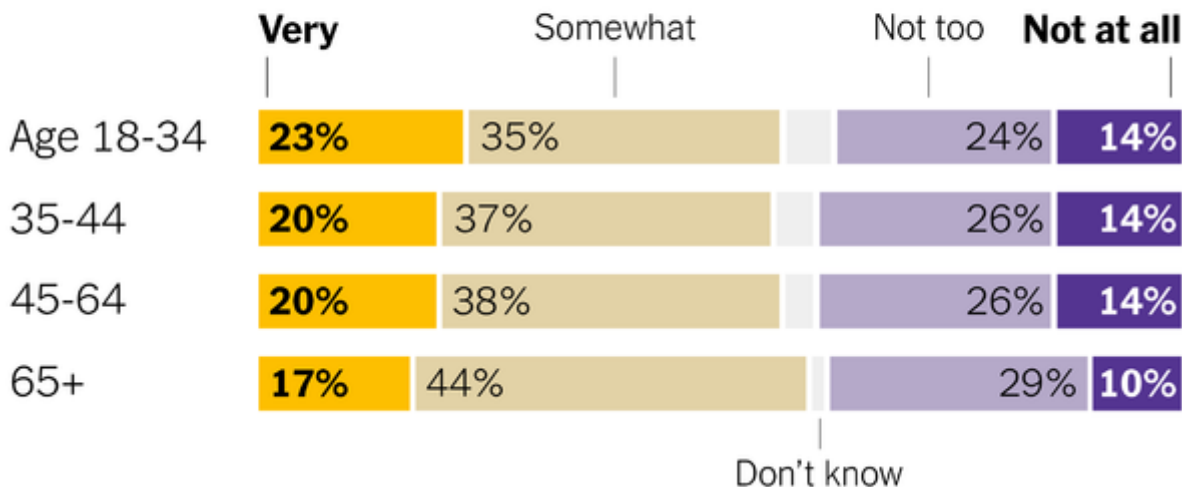
As Omicron statistically began to peak and retreat in certain areas across the country last week, The Times newsletter looked ahead toward a future with Omicron in the rear view mirror. While we’re not nearly out of the woods—there are cautiously better days ahead.

[Click here to read the New York Times Covid Newsletter.](#)

... While A Times Poll Reveal Disturbing Trends In Pandemic Attitudes.

We don’t want to steal any thunder here—suffice it to say that specific perspectives and deeply seated opinions (not facts) have taken their toll on certain constituencies throughout the United States. [Click to review the Times’ survey and commentary on pandemic attitudes in America.](#)

How worried are you about getting sick from Covid-19 within the next year?



Information Links That Bear Repeating:

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can bookmark and count on as the COVID-19 situation changes and evolves.

[**AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members**](#)

[**Find a Vaccine Provider Near You**](#)

[**AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)**](#)

-- A Negotiated, Free Benefit to Members

[**Click for EAP Information Flyer**](#) *(includes login info)*

[**Click for Life Skills Solutions Website**](#) *(login upper right)*

[**AFT Share My Lesson Stress Management Resources**](#) *(searchable)*

[**Download the PA COVID-Alert Tracking App**](#)

[**National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources**](#)

[**CDC Data Tracking Page**](#)

[**CDC Vaccine Information Landing Page**](#)

[**PPS Coronavirus Resources and Links**](#)

[**PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources**](#)

[**PA-Specific Resources from Senator Casey**](#)

[**Student Debt Relief Resources**](#)

[**Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Rumor Control**](#)

[**Coronavirus Testing Locations \(view interactive map mid page\)**](#)



Coronavirus Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care

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Please keep in touch—keep sharing your ideas, your questions and your concerns.

In solidarity—

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