# COVID-19 VARIANTS

In this document, you will find links to websites with information about variants of SARS-CoV-2, or coronavirus. They are sourced from the Government of Canada (GoC), the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), the Province of Ontario (Ontario), [Ministry of Health](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/) (MOH), and partnered organizations like the [Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority](https://www.slfnha.com/) (SLFNHA), [Weeneebayko Area Health Authority](https://www.waha.ca/) (WAHA), [Nishnawbe Aski Nation](https://www.nan.ca/) (NAN), and the [Independent First Nations Alliance](https://ifna.ca/) (IFNA). These links include COVID-19 communications resources related to various topics, including variant symptoms, handwashing, physical distancing, self-monitoring, and self-isolation.

The current COVID-19 variants of concern identified by PHAC and the Ontario Ministry of Health include: Alpha B.1.1.7, followed by Beta, Gamma, Delta (various), and most recently, Omicron. GoC resource can be found in [English](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1615991390358/1615991423624) and [French](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/fra/1615991390358/1615991423624).

**COMMUNICATION RESOURCES**

**Posters**

* SLFNHA Poster: What is a COVID-19 variant of concern? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/What-are-variants-of-concern.pdf)

**Graphics**

* SLFNHA Graphic: What is the Omicron variant? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/What-is-the-Omicron-variant.pdf)
* NAN Graphic: How Can I Protect Myself from Variants? – [English](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=290242579803871&set=pb.100064543935882.-2207520000..)
* NAN Graphic: What is a variant? – [English](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=290208046473991&set=pb.100064543935882.-2207520000..)
* SLFNHA Graphic: What is a variant? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/What-is-a-variant_1.pdf)
* SLFNHA Graphic: What are variants of concern? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/What-are-variants-of-concern.pdf)
* SLFNHA Graphic: Can the vaccine protect against variants? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/How-the-vaccine-works-against-variants.pdf)
* SLFNHA Graphic: How to protect against variants – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/What-can-we-do-to-protect-against-variants.pdf)
* SLFNHA Graphic: How do we find variants? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/How-do-we-find-variants.pdf)
* SLFNHA Graphic: Why do variants exist? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Why-are-we-seeing-different-variants_2.pdf)
* SLFNHA Graphic: Be like Rabbit: new variants – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/COVID-variants_SM_Jan2020.pdf)
* SLFNHA Graphic: Fitted masks stop variants better – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Well-fitting-masks-stop-varients-better.pdf)
* Maad’ookiing Mshkiki Sharing Medicine Graphic: COVID-19 variants – [English](https://www.womenscollegehospital.ca/assets/images/IndigenousHealth/sharingMedicine/firesideChat_05/SM-variants-Twitter-A-1.jpg)
* Maad’ookiing Mshkiki-Sharing Medicine Graphic: Variant severity – [English](https://www.womenscollegehospital.ca/assets/images/IndigenousHealth/sharingMedicine/firesideChat_05/SM-variants-Twitter-A-3.jpg)
* Maad’ookiing Mshkiki-Sharing Medicine Graphic: Variants key messages – [English](https://www.womenscollegehospital.ca/assets/images/IndigenousHealth/sharingMedicine/firesideChat_05/SM-variants-Twitter-A-5.jpg)
* Maad’ookiing Mshkiki-Sharing Medicine Graphic: Variants key messages 2 – [English](https://www.womenscollegehospital.ca/assets/images/IndigenousHealth/sharingMedicine/firesideChat_05/SM-variants-Twitter-A-6.jpg)
* Maad’ookiing Mshkiki-Sharing Medicine Graphic: Variants and transmission – [English](https://www.womenscollegehospital.ca/assets/images/IndigenousHealth/sharingMedicine/firesideChat_05/SM-variants-Twitter-A-2.jpg)
* Maad’ookiing Mshkiki-Sharing Medicine Graphic: Variants and vaccines – [English](https://www.womenscollegehospital.ca/assets/images/IndigenousHealth/sharingMedicine/firesideChat_05/SM-variants-Twitter-A-4.jpg)

**Brochures**

* SLFNHA Brochure: COVID-19 Variants of concern – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/About-COVID-19-Variants-April-28.pdf)

**OTHER SOURCES**

The following includes links to online content that may be helpful in developing communication products and/or community supports.

**Webpages**

* PHAC Webpage: National definitions, classifications and public health actions for SARS-CoV-2 variants – [English](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/testing-diagnosing-case-reporting/sars-cov-2-variants-national-definitions-classifications-public-health-actions.html) / [French](https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-publique/services/maladies/2019-nouveau-coronavirus/professionnels-sante/tests-diagnostic-declaration-cas/variants-sars-cov-2-definitions-classifications-mesures-sante-publique-nationales.html)

**Radio Scripts**

* SLFNHA Script: What do we know about Omicron? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/What-we-know-about-Omicron_Community-radio-script.pdf)
* SLFNHA Script: What do we know about Omicron? – [English](https://www.slfnha.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Getting-through-Omicron-together_Radio-script.pdf)