

ABM's Position on COVID-19 Variants of Concern

Our response to changing guidance

After the advent of multiple vaccines for SARS-CoV-2, the world felt a sense of cautious optimism that we might be at the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, concerns have been raised by new mutations, especially variants of concern (as classified by the World Health Organization) such as the Delta variant¹. These variants will require us to revert to many mid-pandemic practices.

The Delta variant is highly contagious, infecting more people more easily than the Alpha, Beta, or Gamma variants¹. The majority of new COVID-19 cases are the Delta variant, with breakthrough cases reported in vaccinated individuals and most new deaths occurring in unvaccinated individuals³. In addition to being as transmissible as chicken pox and more transmissible than the common cold, the variant is causing more severe illness in the unvaccinated than the original strain⁴.

Per new CDC guidance, ABM recommends that our clients reinstate mask requirements in their facilities in areas with high levels of transmission⁵, encourage social distancing and personal wellness measures, and continue with measures to disinfect both surfaces and indoor air.

Your Best Weapons Against Delta and Other Emerging Variants

CRUCIAL			IMPORTANT				
							
Vaccination	Exposure Testing	Stay Home When Ill	Surface Disinfection	Air Disinfection	Mask Wearing	Social Distancing	Hand Washing

As you navigate this fluid situation, ABM is here to help. Reach out to our experts to help form a facility risk mitigation and response plan that includes surface and air disinfection.

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