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The Coronavirus Delta variant has been spreading across the country, and is known to have been in Ohio for several months. This variant is reported to be more contagious than the previous version of the virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, preliminary data from several states over the last few months suggest that 99.5% of COVID-19 in the United States occurred among unvaccinated people. With the low vaccination rates in Columbian County of 35% fully vaccinated, our community could again see an increase in illness from this virus.

Since COVID-19 vaccines offer a high rate of protection against Delta hospitalization and death, CCHD continues to recommend that residents receive their COVID vaccine. There is currently no shortage of Janssen (J&J), Modera or Pfizer vaccines in Columbiana County. If you are unsure where to go to get vaccinated, please contact one of the Columbiana County COVID-19 Vaccination Taskforce members, visit our website ([www.columbiana-health.org](http://www.columbiana-health.org)), the Ohio Department of Health's website ([www.gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov)) or call 211.

To help encourage and educate the public on the importance of vaccination, the Columbiana County COVID-19 Vaccination Taskforce had developed the following Public Service Announcement. Our message is that vaccines are safe, vaccines are effective and vaccines are available. Please watch the PSA on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/-SbGoU6IRI4>

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