

## Delta Variant Update



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Hello LADD Teammates,

This morning we received an update from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Resources regarding the Delta variant of COVID 19.

We felt it is important to remind everyone of the need to wear a surgical facemask while indoors, or when occupying a vehicle with other people for work purposes.

You have done a great job at keeping the people supported as healthy as possible throughout the Pandemic. We ask that you continue to follow all training so that we can continue to keep you and the people we support as healthy as possible.

Please visit the LADD website for additional information on COVID 19 along with information on the vaccines available to you so that you can make the best informed decision for you and your family regarding vaccination.

Below is the update from MDHHS.

Thank you for all of your efforts.

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The Delta variant seems to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19. So far, studies suggest that the current authorized vaccines work on the circulating variants. The increased transmissibility of the Delta variant, combined with the proportion of the US population that remains unvaccinated, leaves many people at risk for infection.

Nationally, the proportion of cases attributed to the Delta variant is predicted to be 51.7%.

In Michigan, fifty-three Delta variant cases have been confirmed as of July 7. This includes a subset of cases that were tested in Michigan, but are not Michigan residents.

Providers should continue to recommend vaccination as appropriate to protect against COVID-19, including the Delta variant.

The CDC and FDA do not recommend administering booster doses to protect against COVID variants at this time.

**CDC:** People who are fully vaccinated are protected, including from the variants currently circulating in the country such as Delta. CDC will continue efforts to document how well the vaccines are working including the protection they offer against new COVID-19 variants. Studies are ongoing to determine whether or when booster shots may be needed, but currently, there are not enough data available to support the recommendation of boosters.

**FDA:** There are no data available on the interchangeability of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine with other COVID-19 vaccines. It is not yet known what the duration of immunity will be from the authorized vaccines, and studies may be needed to determine if a booster dose will be necessary in the future. The FDA would need to review any new data regarding the use of a different vaccine

booster from the original vaccine an individual received to make a determination about what kind of authorization would be needed.

Thank you,  
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