

Getting COVID-19 Again

- If you had COVID-19 in the past three months, you may still have some protection from the virus. However, after those first three months, your chance of getting COVID-19 again increases, especially with new variants circulating.
- Variants may be different from your initial infection and your natural immunity may not be able to protect you as well from the variants. The best way to protect yourself is to get vaccinated. You do not have to wait three months after recovering from COVID-19 to get vaccinated.
- New research shows that people who are fully vaccinated get better protection from COVID-19 compared to those who only have natural immunity from a previous infection of COVID-19. A CDC report showed that unvaccinated people who already had COVID-19 are more than twice as likely than fully vaccinated people to get COVID-19 again: [Reduced Risk of Reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 After COVID-19 Vaccination — Kentucky, May–June 2021.](#)