

Governor Tim Walz Statement on State's First Case of Omicron COVID-19 Variant

Governor Tim Walz today released the following statement on the state's first case of the Omicron COVID-19 variant:

“Since the beginning of this pandemic, Minnesota’s nation-leading genome sequencing infrastructure and strong testing network have allowed the state to quickly track the COVID-19 virus and better understand its spread. Today, those tools detected a case of the Omicron variant in Minnesota.”

“This news is concerning, but it is not a surprise. We know that this virus is highly infectious and moves quickly throughout the world. Minnesotans know what to do to keep each other safe now—get the vaccine, get tested, wear a mask indoors, and get a booster. Together, we can fight this virus and help keep Minnesotans safe.”

For more information, please visit the [Minnesota Department of Health’s website](#) .