



GROUP CRISIS MANAGEMENT BRIEFING

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BRIEFING #53
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SAFETY & ETHICS MOMENT





- **Delta is the most transmissible of the variants identified so far, has been identified in at least 85 countries, and is spreading rapidly among unvaccinated populations. [with easing restrictions], we are starting to see increases in transmission around the world.**
- **Countries should continue implementing a risk-based approach to inform decisions on testing and/or quarantine measures.**
- **Globally, newly reported cases of COVID-19 have now declined for eight weeks in a row, and deaths have declined for seven weeks in a row. While this is good news, globally, new infections and deaths remain worryingly high.**
- **Evidence suggests new variants of concern have substantially increased transmissibility, and these variants are circulating globally. The risks have increased for people who are not protected. Right now, the virus is moving faster than the global distribution of vaccines.**
- **Every region has countries that are now facing a steep increase in cases and deaths.**
 - The global failure to share vaccines equitably is now taking its toll on some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.
 - We are facing, as a result, a two-track pandemic, fueled by inequity.
 - It's not just vaccines. Diagnostics, oxygen and dexamethasone are also essential for finding cases, providing life-saving care and applying public health measures to reduce the spread of the virus.
 - There are several reasons for increases..., including the spread of variants of concern, more social mixing, the ineffective use of public health and social measures, and vaccine inequity.
 - The global decline masks a worrying increase in cases and deaths in many countries. Although the absolute numbers of newly reported cases and deaths in Africa remain lower than other regions, the steep rate of increase is deeply concerning.
 - Across the African continent, we are seeing an extremely worrying rise in COVID-19 cases and serious illness. Third wave is spreading quickly and hitting hard.
 - WHO is in discussions with a consortium of companies and institutions to establish a technology transfer hub in South Africa.
 - Vaccines alone will not end this pandemic. Public health measures that have been the bedrock of the continental strategy must remain central to the response.
 - Africa, Latin America, and South-East Asia are currently experiencing severe medical oxygen shortages, affecting around one million critically-ill patients.

GLOBAL STATUS REPORT

30 June 2021

Statistics

Confirmed

182,593,082

+5,549,516 since 15 June 2021

Deaths

3,953,998

=2.2% of all confirmed cases

Critical Condition

79,843

Mild Condition

11,352,434

Recovered

167,206,807

Top 20 (out of 219 countries & territories affected)

Country	Confirmed	Deaths	Recovered	Critical
USA	34,527,493	619,980	29,007,373	3,839
India	30,362,848	398,484	29,427,330	8,944
Brazil	18,513,305	516,119	16,779,136	8,318
France	5,772,844	111,057	5,614,435	1,250
Russia	5,493,557	134,545	4,984,037	2,300
Turkey	5,420,156	49,687	5,287,094	730
United Kingdom	4,775,301	128,126	4,322,070	297
Argentina	4,447,701	93,668	4,062,245	6,636
Italy	4,259,133	127,542	4,078,767	289
Colombia	4,213,074	105,934	3,908,310	8,155
Spain	3,799,733	80,829	3,597,105	620
Germany	3,735,382	91,400	3,624,200	736
Iran	3,192,809	84,127	2,862,261	3,176
Poland	2,879,811	75,005	2,651,759	171
Mexico	2,513,164	232,803	1,997,381	4,798
Ukraine	2,235,096	52,340	2,166,668	177
Indonesia	2,156,465	58,024	1,869,606	Not reported
Peru	2,049,567	192,163	Not reported	2,422
South Africa	1,954,466	60,264	1,739,976	546
Netherlands	1,684,366	17,745	1,629,673	139

79%

82%

78%

67%

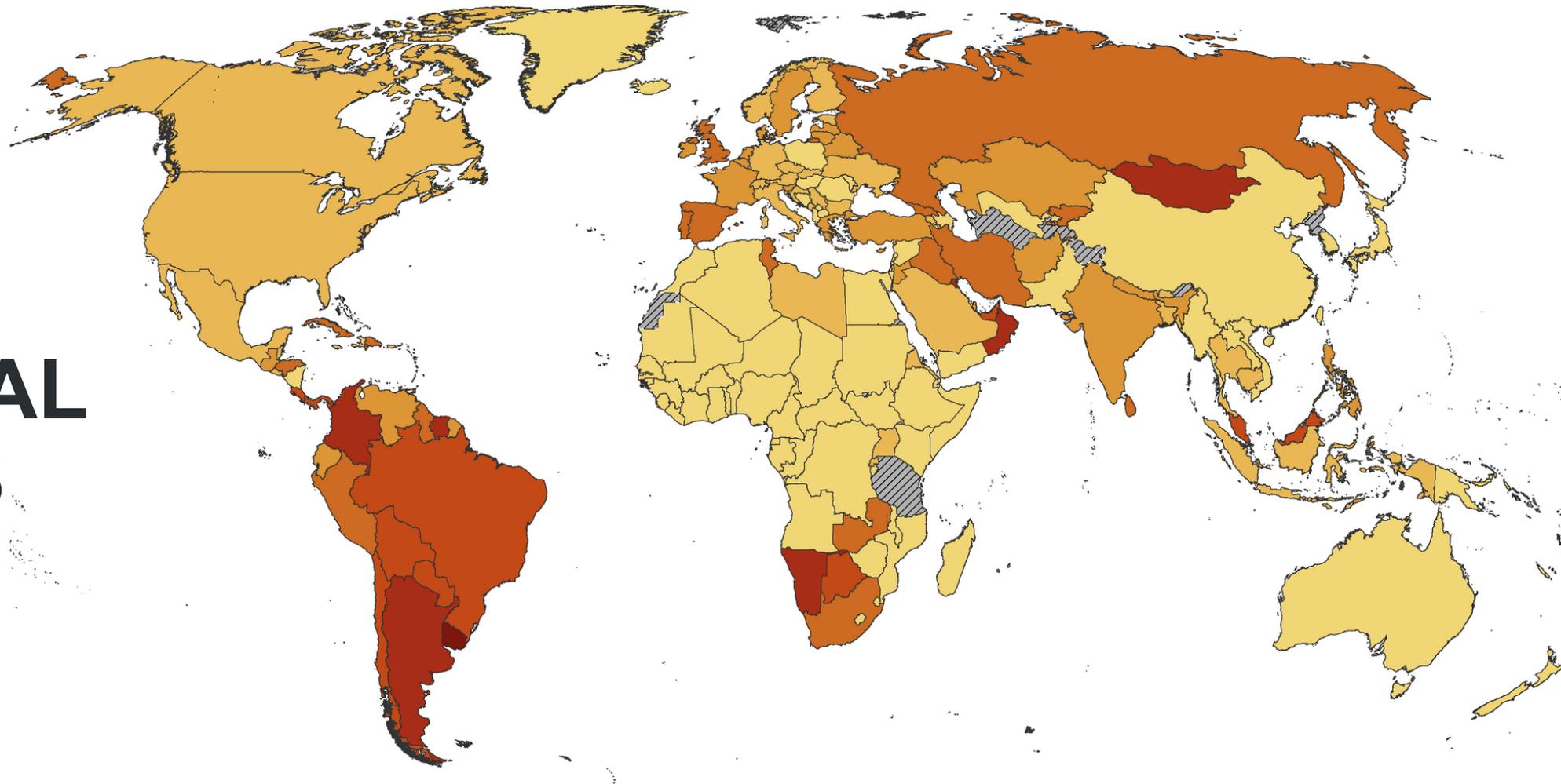
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REGIONAL SITREPS



14-day COVID-19 case notification rate per 100 000, 2021-w23 to 2021-w24



VACCINATION & THERAPEUTICS

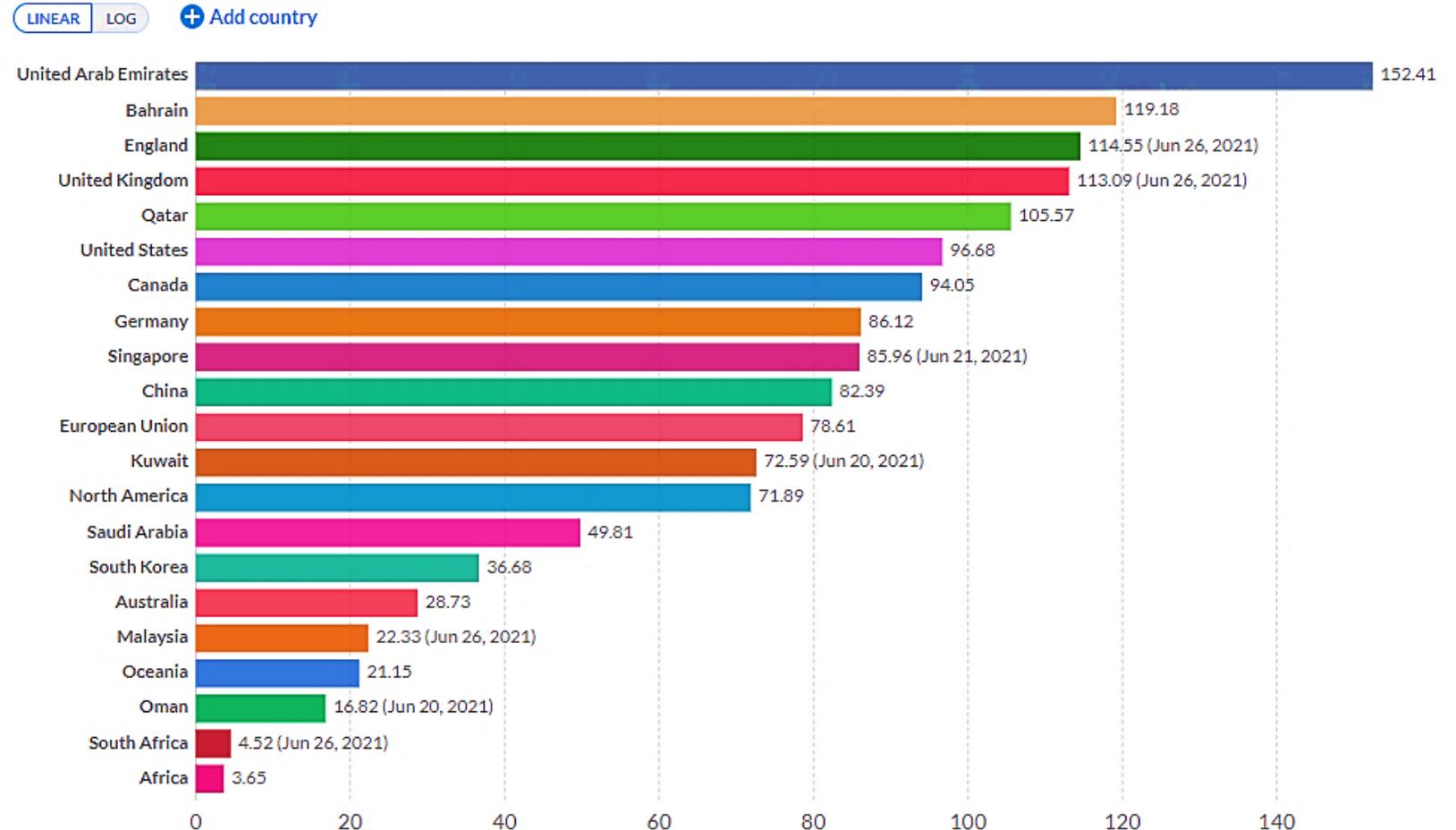
- Studies show vaccines are still effective against the Delta variant, though protection is significantly lower for people partially vaccinated.
- According to new research, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna appear to produce lasting immunity and may eliminate the need for booster shots.
- A preliminary study suggest that mixing different brands of vaccines can provoke a strong immune response.
- U.S. government investing over \$3bn to develop antiviral pills for Covid-19, which could begin arriving by the end of this year.
- Antibody Therapy from Regeneron improves the survival of patients with Covid-19 and offers renewed hope for the treatment of most seriously ill. It is short in supply and expensive.

The following chart shows the national vaccination status for the countries and regions where HKA operates.

COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, Jun 27, 2021

Total number of vaccination doses administered per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).

Our World
in Data

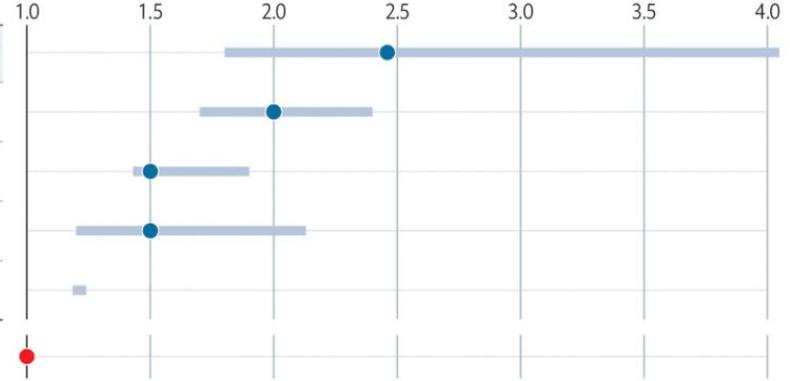


DELTA IS BECOMING THE DOMINANT STRAIN, FAST!

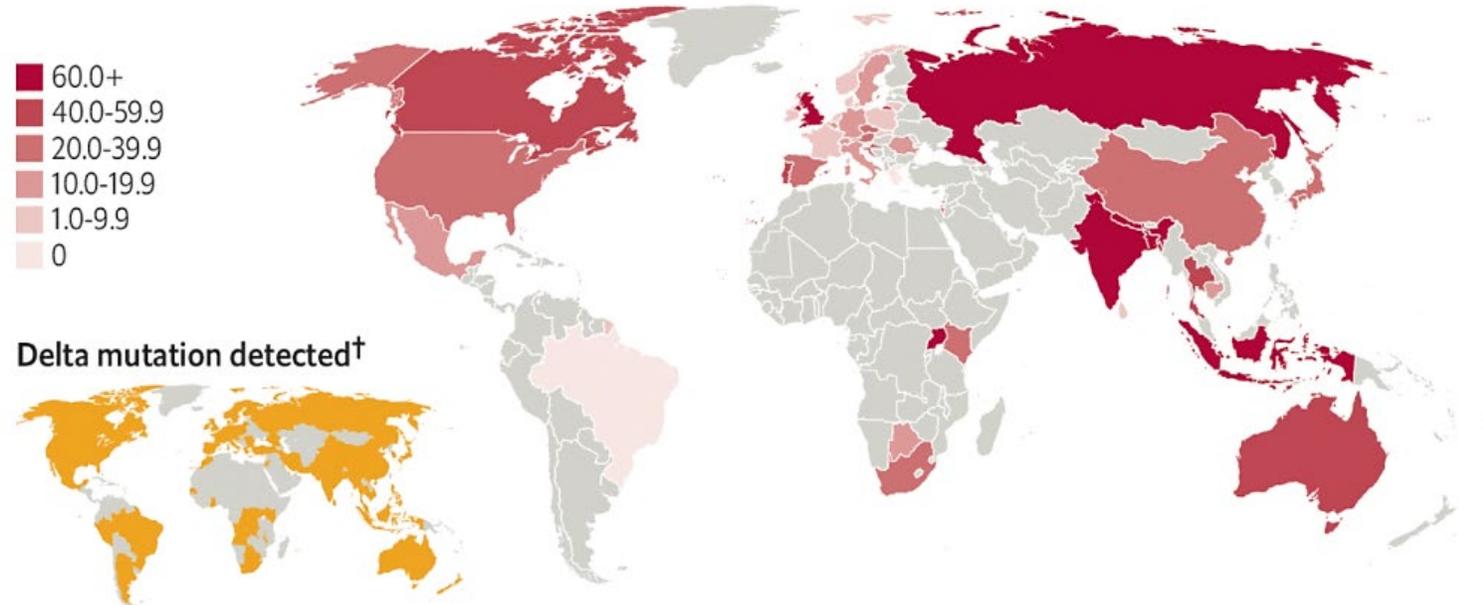
The delta variant is the most dangerous SARS-CoV-2 mutation yet. It is the most transmissible form of the virus.

- The CDC has issued a warning that the delta variant, was spreading in America. Britain's prime minister, issued a similar warning a week earlier.
- It appears up to 60% more transmissible than the original virus first spotted in Wuhan.
- In highly-vaccinated countries, fewer deaths are reported.

Variant (First identified)	Scientific name
Delta [†] (India)	B.1.617.2
Gamma (Brazil)	P.1
Alpha (Britain)	B.1.1.7
Beta (South Africa)	B.1.351
Epsilon (United States)	B.1.427-9
SARS-CoV-2	



Delta and Delta+ mutations, % of samples, four weeks to June 28th*

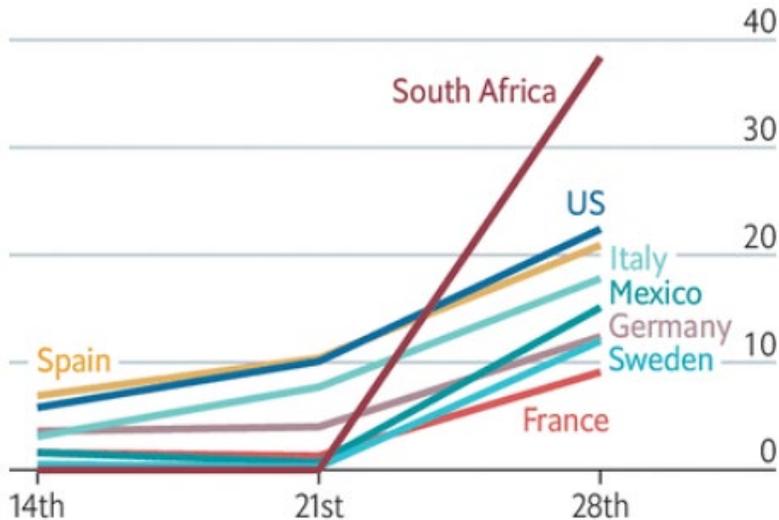


Source: GISAID

*Or most recent with at least 20 samples sequenced [†]Virus sequences submitted to GISAID

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Delta and Delta+ variant, sequenced SARS-CoV-2 viruses, four-week average, June 2021, %



Source: GISAID

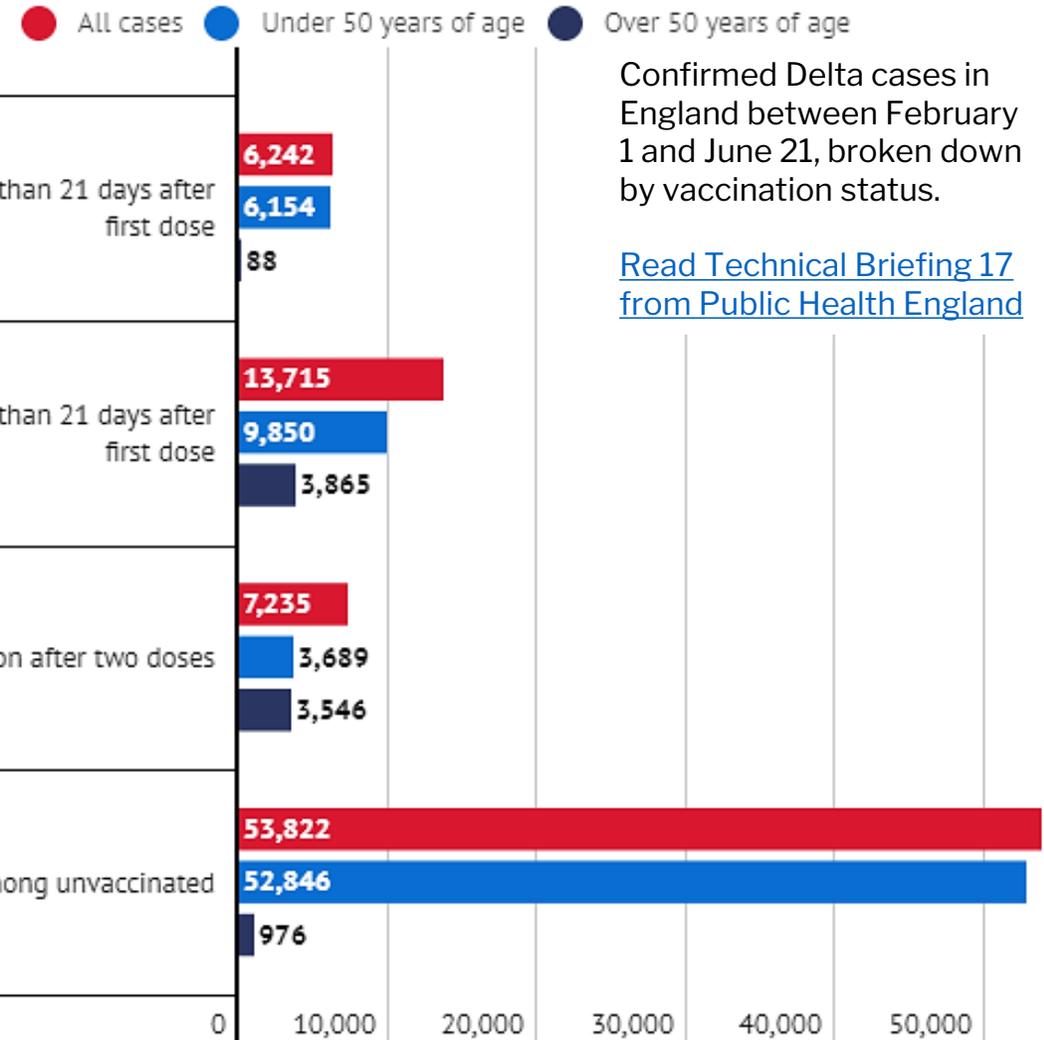
VACCINES WORK FOR MANY, BUT SOCIAL DISTANCING & FACE MASKS ARE AS IMPORTANT...

Vaccination, when combined with face masks and social distancing is the best defence against the Delta and other variants.

- Public Health England now believes the AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Moderna vaccines prevented 7m people from COVID-19.
- The UK has recorded a total of 117 deaths in people with the Delta coronavirus variant. 50 were among people who'd taken two doses of vaccines from age groups at higher risk and represent a tiny proportion of the 92,029 Delta cases analyzed.
- No fully vaccinated people under 50 died, and the overall death rate was 0.13%.
- 8 people under the age of 50 died after getting the Delta variant, the data showed. None was fully vaccinated, while two had received one dose of the vaccine.
- **The WHO says fully vaccinated people should continue to wear face masks in public settings.**
- **"People cannot feel safe just because they had the two doses,"** a WHO official said.
- Israel has reinstated an indoor mask mandate.



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Source: Public Health England

Vaccines alone will not eradicate the virus. But this data makes case numbers a less relevant indicator of how the pandemic is playing out.

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