



## WHO Designates JN.1 as Variant of Interest as Covid-19 Cases Rise

The [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) has classified the **JN.1 sub-variant of Covid-19** as a "variant of interest" distinct from its parent lineage, **BA.2.86**, commonly known as Pirola. Once classified as such, the **WHO closely monitors its global dissemination, evaluates its health risks**, and facilitates international data sharing.

- Despite the rapid increase in its spread, the **WHO clarified that there's currently no evidence suggesting an elevated public health risk** posed by this variant.
- However, concerns arise with the onset of winter in the Northern Hemisphere, potentially burdening healthcare systems with increased respiratory infections.
- Notably, **India has reported several cases of JN.1**, with other countries worldwide, such as the US, Singapore, and China, also confirming its presence.

**Read more:** [Covid-19](#), [WHO](#)

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