



Emerging Covid Strains Spark Renewed Concerns

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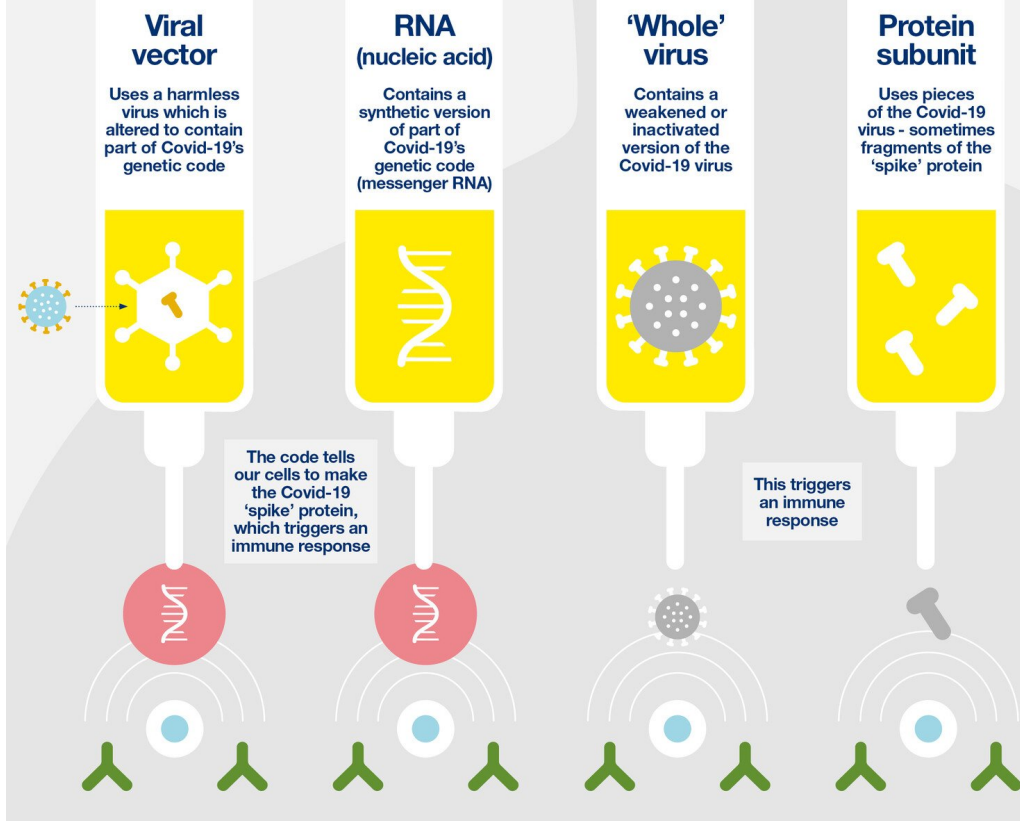
Recently, the central government has attributed the recent surge in [Covid-19](#) cases in India to two strains, **KP.1** and **KP.2**.

- These strains are categorised under the **“FLIRT” group** and have evolved from the [JN1 Omicron](#) variant.
- These are **highly transmissible**, causing **mild symptoms** such as fever, cold, cough, sore throat, body ache, and fatigue.
- KP.2 was classified by the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) as a **Variant Under Monitoring**.
- [Covid-19](#) is an infectious disease caused by the **SARS-CoV-2 virus**.
 - **COVISHIELD, Covaxin** and **AstraZeneca** were among the recommended vaccines for Covid-19 in India.

Government Measures to Monitor the Spread of New Strains:

- The [Integrated Disease Surveillance Program \(IDSP\)](#) under the [National Centre for Disease Control \(NCDC\)](#) has been implemented in all 36 States/UTs and sanctioning Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories across India to improve virus detection and research.
- [Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission \(PM-A BHIM\)](#)

How do different Covid-19 vaccines work?



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