What Do Breakthrough COVID Infections Mean?

**WHAT IS A BREAKTHROUGH INFECTION?**
There is no vaccine that is 100% effective at preventing disease. It is still possible to contract COVID-19 after getting vaccinated. When a vaccinated person gets COVID-19, it is known as a breakthrough infection.

**IS IT COMMON TO GET COVID-19 AFTER VACCINATION?**
It is not common to get COVID-19 after vaccination, particularly in those who have received their primary series and booster doses. Most COVID-19 cases and nearly all serious and deadly cases occur in individuals who are unvaccinated.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET COVID-19 AND AM FULLY VACCINATED?**
Vaccinated individuals who get infected often have no symptoms or very mild symptoms. They are very unlikely to develop serious illness, require hospitalization or die from COVID. Fully vaccinated people who test positive for COVID-19 are still contagious and should isolate for 5 days.

COVID-19 vaccines offer increased protection against severe illness, hospitalization, long-term side effects and death. People who are unvaccinated are 20 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than those with a primary series and booster dose and more than 2 times more likely to be hospitalized.

For information and vaccine locations:

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