**Variants being monitored**
Do not pose a significant and imminent risk to public health in the United States

**Variant of interest**
A coronavirus variant that, compared to earlier forms of the virus, has genetic characteristics that predict greater transmissibility

**Variant of concern**
Observed to be more infectious, more likely to be re-infections in those who are vaccinated or previously infected

**Variant of high consequence**
A variant for which current vaccines do not offer protection. As of now, there are no SARS-CoV-2 variants of high consequence.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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