

What Are Vaccine Breakthrough Cases?

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You've probably been hearing the term vaccine breakthrough cases, and you may be wondering what they are and what they mean.

Breakthrough cases happen when people who are fully vaccinated still test positive for COVID-19. This is normal. No vaccine is 100% effective.

The more people get vaccinated, the more we will see breakthrough cases.

Let's say in a group of ten people, nine people are vaccinated and one is not. All ten people are exposed to COVID-19, and two people test positive. One vaccinated and one unvaccinated.

Even though half of the infections are breakthrough cases, it can be misleading because the other eight vaccinated people did not get sick from COVID-19.

Even though breakthrough cases might happen more as variants circulate, fully vaccinated people are much less likely to get really sick or need hospitalization, so the vaccines are working!

This is extremely important to make sure hospitals have enough beds for everyone and people who need emergency care can find it quickly.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to help protect yourself and the people around you from COVID-19.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the Minnesota Department of Health's website:

www.health.state.mn.us

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