

WORD LIST-2 (JUN 23, 2022)

1. cause for alarm (phrase) - a reason to be worried about something.
2. surge (noun) – sudden increase or rise of something.
3. COVID-appropriate (adjective) - suitable for COVID.
4. drive (verb) – prompt, precipitate, catapult; bring about, give rise to.
5. Omicron variant (noun) – On 26 November 2021, WHO designated the (new coronavirus) variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named Omicron, on the advice of WHO's Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution (TAG-VE). The first known confirmed Omicron infection was from a specimen collected on November 9. In recent weeks, infections in South Africa have increased steeply, coinciding with the detection.
6. sub-lineage (noun) – a group of similar viruses within a lineage.
7. lineage/clade (noun) – a genetically closely related group of virus variants derived from a common ancestor.
8. peak (verb) - reach its highest point.
9. bump (noun) – increase, surge, growth; swelling, projection, escalation.
10. fortnight (noun) – a period of two weeks/fourteen days continuously.
11. strain (noun) – variant, variety, kind, type.
12. test positivity rate/ratio (TPR) (noun) – the proportion of positives to total tests done for disease; the percentage of tests that are turning out to be positive for disease; the rate at which people getting tested for disease receive positive results; the ratio of cases confirmed to tests performed for disease.
13. incrementally (adverb) – in an incremental way; by small additions.
14. result in (phrasal verb) – cause, bring on, bring about.
15. vaccinate (verb) – inoculate, administer, introduce (with a vaccine to provide immunity against a disease).
16. sizeable (adjective) – substantial, significant, considerable, fairly large.
17. hospitalisation (noun) – the act of taking (or) admitting someone to (or) in hospital for treatment.
18. mark (verb) - indicate, show, identify, denote.
19. concomitant (noun) – attendant, accompanying, associated, collateral, related, connected, linked.

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20. [dominant](#) (adjective) – forceful, prominent, most powerful.
21. [lead to](#) (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
22. [booster dose](#) (noun) – In medical terms, a booster dose is an extra administration of a vaccine after an earlier dose.
23. [vaccination](#) (noun) – treatment with a vaccine to protect against a particular disease; immunization.
24. [endow](#) (verb) - favour, present, provide.
25. [transmissibility](#) (noun) – probability of infection given contact between a susceptible and infected individual.
26. [immune escape/evasion](#) (noun) – it occurs when the immune system of a host, especially of a human being, is unable to respond to an infectious agent, or in other words that the host's immune system is no longer able to recognize and eliminate a pathogen such as a virus.
27. [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control \(ECDC\)](#) (noun) – an EU agency aimed at strengthening Europe's defences against infectious diseases.
28. [designate](#) (verb) - identify, recognize, classify, name, label.
29. [variant](#) (noun) – different or form or version or mutant of something (virus).
30. [Variant of Concern \(VoC\)](#) (noun) – A variant for which there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, more severe disease (e.g., increased hospitalizations or deaths), significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination, reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines, or diagnostic detection failures.
31. [designation](#) (noun) – classification, identification, classing, labelling, tagging.
32. [severity](#) (noun) – acuteness, seriousness, danger, extremity.
33. [given](#) (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
34. [long-term](#) (adjective) - permanent, long-lasting, enduring, chronic.
35. [overlook](#) (verb) – neglect, ignore, disregard, turn a blind eye.
36. [in public](#) (phrase) - publicly.
37. [ventilation](#) (noun) – the supplying of fresh air to a room.

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