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1. [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.
2. [vaccination](#) (noun) – treatment with a vaccine to protect against a particular disease; immunization.
3. [cut](#) (verb) – reduce, decrease, lessen.
4. [novel coronavirus \(nCoV\) \(SARS-CoV-2\)](#) (noun) – a new strain (type/variety) coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans.
5. [outbreak](#) (noun) – outburst, flaring up, breakout, sudden appearance/occurrence of something.
6. [shroud](#) (verb) – cover, conceal, hide.
7. [genetic](#) (adjective) – relating to genes/genetics.
8. [genome](#) (noun) – the genetic material (a complete set of DNA, including all of its genes) of an organism. The sum total of the genetic material of a cell or an organism.
9. [sequence](#) (noun) – the complete order of compounds/building blocks (nucleotides) of nucleic acids, such as RNA or DNA.
10. [genome sequence](#) (noun) – a process that determines the order, or sequence, of the DNA (nucleotides i.e., A, C, G and U) in each of the genes present in the virus's genome.
11. [transparent](#) (adjective) – open/candid, forthright, straightforward, honest.
12. [vital](#) (adjective) – key, essential, important.

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13. variant (noun) – different or form or version or mutant of something (virus).
14. mutation (noun) – a significant and basic “alteration/variation” in the DNA sequence.
15. spike (S) protein (noun) – spike (S) protein is the sole viral membrane protein responsible for coronavirus entry into host cells.
16. specimen (noun) – sample.
17. diligently (adverb) – carefully, attentively, thoroughly.
18. impose (verb) – force, thrust, inflict, urge (an unwelcome decision).
19. incongruous (adjective) - inappropriate, contradictory, irreconcilable, strange, odd, absurd, bizarre.
20. counterproductive (adjective) – harmful, damaging, dangerous/destructive.
21. rash (adjective) – reckless, impulsive, hasty.
22. disincentivise (verb) – discourage, prevent, stop.
23. promptly (adverb) - quickly, swiftly, rapidly.
24. public health (noun) – the branch of medicine handling public health; public health is also the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities through education, policy making and research for disease and injury prevention.
25. implications (noun) – consequence/outcome, ramification, repercussion.
26. pandemic (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
27. demonstration (noun) – manifestation, indication, revelation, display.
28. surveillance (noun) – monitoring, observation, scrutiny, inspection.

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29. genomic (adjective) – relating to the gene (genetic material) of a living thing.
30. enhanced (adjective) – improved, reinforced, increased.
31. vaccine (noun) – a biological preparation that improves immunity to a particular disease.
32. go/put/come into effect (phrase) - implement, apply, carry out.
33. strain (noun) – variety, kind, type; variant, mutant.
34. probably (adverb) – most likely, in all likelihood, all things considered, perhaps.
35. flag (verb) – indicate, identify, point out.
36. reflect (verb) – indicate, show, display, demonstrate, reveal, exhibit.
37. relatively (adverb) – comparatively, proportionately, somewhat, to a certain extent/degree.
38. in place (phrase) - set up, established, arranged.
39. underscore (verb) – underline, emphasize, highlight.
40. quarantine (noun) – a process of separating out people, animals and things (such as plants) from others for a period of time in order to control/restrict the spread of a contagious disease; Quarantine is imposed to separate and restrict the movement of persons, who may have been exposed to infectious disease, but not yet known to be ill.
41. indiscriminate (adjective) - thoughtless, unthinking, unconsidered, casual, careless, aimless, foolish, mindless, impulsive, ill-considered.
42. pose (verb) – constitute, present, create, cause (a problem or danger or risk).
43. severity (noun) – seriousness.
44. surge (noun) – sudden increase or rise of something.
45. adherence (noun) – compliance, observance, conformity.

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