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1. community transmission (noun) – community spread/transmission means spread of an illness/disease for which the source of infection is unknown. An infected person has no travel history to an affected area and no known contact with a person previously diagnosed with a particular disease. It is possible the patient is exposed to a returning traveler who is infected.
2. local transmission (cluster) (noun) – local spread/transmission means spread of an illness/disease for which the source of infection is known. An infected person has a travel history to an affected area. We could be able to identify and trace individual cases, and ring-fence a cluster (of them) to prevent the spread of infection.
3. 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.
4. admit (verb) - acknowledge, confess, reveal, make known, disclose, make public, declare.
5. in the belief that (phrase) - thinking that; believing that.
6. contact tracing (noun) – it is defined as the identification and follow-up of persons who may have come into contact with a person infected with the virus.
7. delta variant/B.1.617.2 (noun) – Formally known as AY.2 or B.1.617.2, it's a variant of the coronavirus, first identified in India, is renamed as the 'Delta variant' by the World Health Organization (WHO) and this variant is reclassified as Variant of Concern (VOC). The B.1.617.1 strain has been reclassified to a Variant of Interest (VOI) and labelled variant "Kappa".

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8. variant (noun) – different or form or version or mutant of something (virus).
9. transmissible (adjective) – spreading, infectious, contagious, communicable.
10. dominant (adjective) – most powerful, important, crucial.
11. Indian SARS-CoV2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG) (noun) – INSACOG refers to the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genome Sequencing Consortia. The INSACOG consortium of scientists, spanning 10 labs across the country, and involved in sequencing genomes of coronavirus samples in different States, had been giving regular updates on the threat from new strains to the government. (Consortia is a plural form of consortium).
12. consortium (noun) – association, syndicate, corporation, federation.
13. be meant to do something (phrase) - be supposed to do something.
14. genomic (adjective) – relating to the gene (genetic material) of a living thing.
15. novel coronavirus (nCoV) (SARS-CoV-2) (noun) – a new strain (type/variety) coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans.
16. cluster (noun) – a group (of people/things considered as a unit).
17. reflect (verb) - indicate, show, display, demonstrate, reveal, exhibit.
18. epidemiological (adjective) – relating to the study and analysis of the distribution, patterns and determinants of health and disease conditions in defined populations.
19. in contrast (phrase) – when compared to another.
20. reluctance (noun) – unwillingness, disinclination, hesitation.
21. acknowledge (verb) – admit, accept, recognize, realize, make public.
22. premise (noun) - assertion, belief, thought, proposition, assumption.
23. mark (verb) – indicate, signify, represent.
24. inability (noun) – incapability, incapacity, helplessness.

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25. lockdown (noun) – an emergency protocol implemented by the authorities that prevents people from leaving from a place; An extended state of confinement/encirclement/isolation of a person by the authority.
26. in vain (phrase) – unsuccessfully, without success, with no result.
27. obfuscate (verb) – confuse, complicate, make unclear; bewilder, mystify, puzzle, perplex.
28. resistance (noun) - refusal to accept, unwillingness to accept, disinclination to accept, reluctance to accept.
29. reality (noun) - fact, actuality, truth.
30. unwillingness (noun) – disinclination, reluctance, hesitation.
31. transparent (adjective) – straightforward, open, candid, honest, direct.
32. bulletin (noun) - report, release, statement, announcement.
33. BA.2 variant (noun) – a sub-lineage of Omicron variant.
34. lineage (noun) – a collection of signature variants that defines a specific line of virus; line, sequence.
35. substantial (adjective) – considerable, significant, large.
36. fraction (noun) - a small part/percentage of something.
37. designate (verb) – name, call, label, classify.
38. 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.
39. Variants of Interest (VoI) (noun) – A variant with specific genetic markers that have been associated with changes to receptor binding, reduced neutralization by antibodies generated against previous infection or vaccination, reduced efficacy of treatments, potential diagnostic impact, or predicted increase in transmissibility or disease severity.

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40. severity (noun) – seriousness.
41. intrinsically (adverb) - naturally, inherently, innately, essentially, basically, fundamentally.
42. vaccinate (verb) – inoculate, administer, introduce (with a vaccine to provide immunity against a disease).
43. spectrum (noun) – wide range of something; ambit.
44. asymptomatic (adjective) – relating to a condition/person with no symptoms.
45. symptomatic (adjective) – relating to a condition/person with symptoms.
46. pre-symptomatic (adjective) – relating to a condition/person with mild illness/symptoms.
47. comorbidity (noun) – In medicine, co-morbidity is the presence of one or more additional conditions (diseases) co-occurring/co-existing with a primary condition (disease).
48. booster dose (noun) – In medical terms, a booster dose is an extra administration of a vaccine after an earlier dose.
49. dose (noun) – an amount/quantity of something (a medicine/drug) prescribed to be taken at a specific time.
50. administer (verb) – dispense, provide, give, apply (a drug/vaccine).
51. frontline worker/staff (noun) – a person who is among the first to arrive and provide assistance at the scene of an emergency. First/front line workers/responders typically include paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, sanitary workers & etc.
52. vulnerable (adjective) – endangered, unsafe, unprotected, unguarded, ill-protected; easily affected by, prone to, at risk of.
53. adherence (noun) – compliance, observance, conformity.
54. overemphasise (verb) – overstress, exaggerate, overdo, overplay, overdramatize.

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