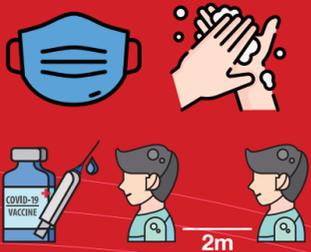


Dr. Manaf Al Qahtani: Most recent active COVID-19 cases are of a variant strain, demanding increased public vigilance



The variant strain has been detected in most current active cases, and contact tracing figures indicate most current cases are linked to family gatherings.



The precautionary measures previously issued are the same measures that must be followed to combat all variant COVID-19 strains, in addition to getting vaccinated.



The elderly are at greatest risk from the variant, as symptoms appear at a later stage.