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Keep your community safe: wash your hands, get vaccinated and wear your mask.

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Wait, David -- Why are you taking off your mask?

I know. But COVID isn’t going away, and there are new variants - like the new variant that are very contagious.

It’s so hot! And besides, I already got vaccinated.

And there are a lot of people, like children, who aren’t vaccinated and could get very sick.

Oh, I hadn’t thought of that.

We have to keep wearing our masks when we are indoors.

But I thought the vaccine protected me!

It does!

What else can we do to protect ourselves?

There are three additional steps...

1. Wash your hands.
2. Keep distance from others.
3. Get tested.

The COVID-19 vaccine provides the best protection against becoming very sick, ending up in the hospital, or death - including against the new variant.

So then, why do I need to bother with a mask?

Thanks for your advice, Helena! I’ll do anything to take care of my son.

Because you can still transmit COVID-19 to others--even if you’re vaccinated.

My son is only three and can’t be vaccinated yet.

Of course, David. By taking these steps, we can take care of each other!