Omicron found in Minnesota

No global deaths related to variant yet confirmed

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The nation confirmed its sec-
ond case of the omicron corona-
virus variant Thursday, with the
infector found in a Minneapolis
resident. The CDC in a release
stated the individual developed mild
symptoms on Nov. 22 and was tested
two days later. The person had traveled
to New York City during a pre-sym-
ptom experience and has since
recovered.

Omicron was first detected in
South Africa and is known for its
large number of mutations. Lab-
ors have found up to 30 in the v

stick or cease transmission. Be-
cause genome sequencing of viral samples can take weeks for results, and not all cases are actually
thought, the variant has been considered too fragmentary to be
fully understood.

Meanwhile, the first case of omicron was verified Wednesday in California.

The virus is now confirmed to be more transmissible, though it
delta. It is also estimated that each omicron infection will lead to
globally, nationally and locally, and it is anticipated that omicron
infections in the U.S. due to its quick spread earlier.

Dr. Mathew Binnicker, vice
chief of Pulmonary, Department of
Laboratory Medicine and
Pathology at Mayo Clinic, says
early data from South Africa indicates symptoms is also likely transmissible, but it is unknown
whether as much or more COVID.

If someone does begin to
overbear allels ca: it, it
would indicate the former is in-
duced more prevalent.

Of concern is the number of mutations in omicron. Binnicker
said that, while the efficacy of
cure, the virus needs to replicate its genome, and whenever
as process can occur, this
increase transmission, ev-
ience of immune response, or risk of causing disease.

Labored a variant of concern by
the World Health Organiza-
tion, omicron has around 50 mutations, including about 50 in
the spike protein, which vac-
cines are designed to neutralize.

The large number of mutations
could possibly result in a signifi-
cantly resistant to the existing
COVID-19 vaccines, with a poten-
tial to neutralize in protection from some diseases. Hospitalization, or
imunity built from previous
infections, is anticipated.

Binnicker said there have now been confirmed, and vaccc-
inated individuals who receive
infection and spread of omicron,

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