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As worldwide concern grows over the spread of the highly contagious Covid-19 Delta variant, public health messaging is being met with misleading commentary.

The latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention put Delta's prevalence at 10 per cent of new Covid-19 cases in the US, with more current estimates placing the figure at 37 to 42 per cent. In the UK, often a harbinger of things to come in other countries, Delta makes up around 95 per cent of new cases, which had earlier prompted a delay to the further lifting of lockdown measures. Elsewhere, Sydney, Australia entered a two-week lockdown on Saturday, and the government of Israel, one of the world's most vaccinated countries, reimposed an indoor mask-wearing requirement on Friday — both due to concerns over the variant. In India, a further mutation of the Delta variant dubbed "Delta Plus" has been branded a variant of concern.

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