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## Misinformation that Omicron is 'the last COVID-19 variant' fuelling uptick worldwide: WHO | | UN News

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A combination of factors, including misinformation that the pandemic is over, the lifting of mask mandates, ending physical distancing – and a more transmissible Omicron BA.2 variant – are causing an increase of COVID-19 cases globally, the World Health Organization warned on Wednesday.

"After several weeks of declines, reported cases of <u>COVID-19</u> are once again increasing globally, especially in parts of Asia", <u>WHO</u> Director-General Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus told journalists in Geneva.

In the past week, the agency has seen an 8 per cent increase in detection of COVID-19 cases, with more than 11 million positive test results.

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