



Xavier's Daily

→ Challenge yourself!

What can you catch but not throw?

Answer - Cold

→ Spectrum's Corner

Thought of the Day

"No one is perfect - that's why pencils have erasers."

Word of the Day

Rankle means "to cause anger, irritation, or bitterness."

Eg "Big swaths of this book are fiction, which may rankle readers who are eager to sink their teeth into a good nonfiction book."

NEW VARIANT: OMICRON



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Predictions were made during mid August suggested that there wouldn't be a 3rd wave of Covid... But recently India's COVID panel said that country will definitely witness a 3rd Covid wave due to omicron variant, While scientists across the world are still awaiting more information on the new COVID variant Omicron, which was first reported in South Africa, a top health expert has warned that India should be prepared to fight a possible "third wave" which may be caused by the emerging variant keeping in mind its high transmissibility but possibly low fatality. "The third wave of coronavirus could hit the peak by February with cases likely to be reaching up to 1-1.5 lakh a day in the country, but it will be milder than the second wave," said IIT Scientists. To be safe keep these precautionary measures in mind:

1. Children over the age of five should also be encouraged to wear masks.
2. Maintaining a six-foot social distance while outside the home should always be followed.
3. Hand sanitization should be done every 5-6 hours or whenever one goes out.
4. Masks should be worn at all times when leaving the house.
5. Used masks should be washed on a regular basis to avoid opportunistic infections.

Avoid hospitals unless necessary - This virus can be treated at home if all precautions are taken. There is no point in overcrowding hospitals unless the situation becomes critical.

Don't believe everything you hear. There is no evidence to suggest that children will be more vulnerable during the third wave. Vaccination is the only solution because it creates herd immunity. By far the most effective weapon against this virus is adhering to the rules. We will need to be vigilant and cautious in our approach until majority of Indians are vaccinated.

According to reports omicron has infected more than 130 citizens and most of them are from Maharashtra and 7081 new cases of covid-19 and 264 demises in 24 hours (as on 19/12/21) in India and there are in total 30000 cases across globe today.

DID YOU KNOW?

The 1939 novel *Gadsby* is the longest book ever published that doesn't contain the letter 'e.'