

# Mutations Could Render Current COVID Vaccines Ineffective in a Year or Less, Epidemiologists Warn

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## Key Points

- Mutations of the coronavirus could render current vaccines ineffective within a year, according to a survey of experts in 28 countries.
- Of those surveyed, almost a third gave a time frame of nine months or less.
- Fewer than 1 in 8 said they believed that mutations would never render the current vaccines ineffective.

Mutations of the coronavirus could render current vaccines ineffective within a year, according to a majority of epidemiologists, virologists and infectious disease specialists surveyed by the People’s Vaccine Alliance.

[The survey](#) of 77 experts from some of the world’s leading academic institutions across 28 countries found that almost a third gave a time frame of nine months or less. Fewer than 1 in 8 said they believed that mutations would never render the current vaccines ineffective.

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