



# The SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant: a snapshot of where we are

Join us for the first online public event hosted by the  
Multidisciplinary Center for Infectious Diseases of the University of Bern

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 17.00-18.45

## Outline of the event

17:00- approx. 18.15

University of Bern-MCID Bern expert presentations on topics including

What is Omicron and how do we identify it?

How well does Omicron spread compared to other variants?

What does Omicron mean to society right now?

18.15- 18.45

Moderated "Townhall" question and answer session, with experts from  
the University of Bern / Inselspital and associated institutes

## Speakers and panelists

**PD Dr. Christian Althaus**

Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, UniBern

**Prof. Dr. Dr. Claus Beisbart**

Institute of Philosophy, UniBern

**PD Dr. med. Manuela Funke-Chambour**

Department for Biomedical Research, Inselspital

**Prof. Dr. Joseph Francois**

World Trade Institute, UniBern

**Dr. Emma Hodcroft**

Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, UniBern

**Prof. Dr. Volker Thiel**

Institute of Virology and Immunology, Vetsuisse, UniBern

**Prof. Dr. med. Annelies Wilder-Smith**

Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, UniBern

**Moderator / chair of the event: Prof. Dr. med. Nicola Low**, Institute of  
Social and Preventive Medicine, UniBern

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