

# **New virus variant identified in New York**

February 24, 2021 - according to Fox News, a new virus variant known as B.1.526 has been identified. It is said to be more transmissible and intractable than the original strain. This new variant of the virus surfaced in New York City and is said to be represented in about 12% of cases. A study carried at University of Columbia found that this strain shares similarities with variants found in South Africa and Brazil. These variants are reportedly more resistant to some established vaccines. Researcher's main concern is the spike protein present in the virus known as E484K, which is believed to weaken the body's immune response to the virus.