





Walensky: Could see virus decline by end of July

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The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the country could see a sharp decline in coronavirus cases by July. (May 5)

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DR. ROCHELLE WALENSKY: Something I'm often asked is when will this pandemic be over, and when can we go back to normal? The reality is it all depends on the actions we take now. Today, CDC



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what will nappen with cases, nospitalizations, and deaths, and how it depends on how many people get vaccinated and whether we continue to follow prevention measures.

In good news, the models projected a sharp decline in cases by July 2021, and an even faster decline if more people get vaccinated sooner. The results remind us that we have the path out of this, and models, once projecting really grim news, now offer reasons to be quite hopeful for what the summer may bring. More specifically, we need to keep vaccinating people, but we all need to keep practicing certain prevention interventions to help us get to the predicted good outcomes. Although we are seeing progress in terms of decreased cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, variants are a wild card that could reverse this progress we have made and could set us back.

What we learned from this report is that we are not out of the woods yet, but we could be very close. All of us are getting fully vaccinated and continuing our prevention efforts can help us turn the corner on the pandemic as early as July, and set us forward on a path toward a more normal lifestyle.

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