



# 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**

## **Introduction**

**17:00- 17.10**

**Prof. Dr. Carmen Faso**, MCID Co-Chair

**Prof. Dr. med. Nicola Low** (Moderator)

## **Speaker presentation**

**17:15- Dr. Emma Hodcroft**, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, UniBern

“What is Omicron and how do we identify it?”

**17: 30- Prof. Dr. Volker Thiel**, Institute for Virology and Immunology, Vetsuisse, UniBern

“How is Omicron different from other variants?”

**17:45- PD Dr. Christian Althaus**, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, UniBern

“How well does Omicron spread compared to other variants?”

**18:00- Prof. Dr. med. Annelies Wilder-Smith**, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, UniBern

“What does Omicron mean for international travel?”

**18:15- Prof. Dr. Joseph Francois**, World Trade Institute, UniBern

“Why and how does Omicron cause an international economic shock?”

## **Panel discussion**

Including the speakers above, together with:

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

Institute of Philosophy, UniBern

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

Department for Biomedical Research, Inselspital

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