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Boosted Americans 97 Times Less Likely to Die of COVID Than Unvaccinated

Americans who have received a COVID-19 booster shot are 97 times less likely to die from the coronavirus than those who aren't vaccinated, according to the CDC. In addition, fully vaccinated Americans — meaning those with up to two doses, but no booster — are 14 times less likely to die from COVID-19 than unvaccinated people. These data confirm that vaccination and boosting continues to protect against severe illness and hospitalization, even during the Omicron surge.

If you are not up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations, you have not optimized your protection against severe disease and death, and you should get vaccinated. All person 12 years of age and older are eligible.

"The data are really stunningly obvious why a booster is really very important," Anthony Fauci, MD, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said. Fauci also encouraged vaccination for those who are pregnant and couples who may want to conceive in the near future. He highlighted two recent studies that found vaccination in either partner didn't affect fertility, including [in vitro fertilization](#). Meanwhile, fertility fell temporarily among men who were infected with the coronavirus. Couples were 18% less likely to conceive if the male partner had contracted the coronavirus within 60 days before a menstrual cycle. Vaccination is recommended for people who are trying to get pregnant now or might become pregnant in the future, as well as their partners.

[Do you need a booster? Our next vaccine clinic in Woodfords is next Wednesday February 9th from 1-4 PM. To make your appointment, call us at 530-694-2146, Option 1.](#)

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