

# Why Is It Important to Get the COVID-19 Booster Vaccine?

The February 1, 2022, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC's) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, highlights the following findings from a study of 422,966 people in Los Angeles County, California.

November 7, 2021–January 8, 2022

## Hospitalization Rates

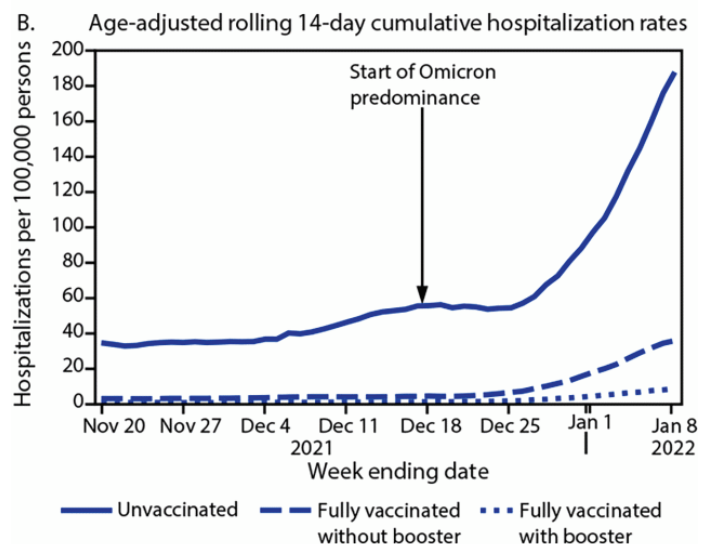
as of January 8, 2022

**23 times higher**

*for unvaccinated persons when compared to fully vaccinated persons with a booster.*

**5 times higher**

*for unvaccinated persons when compared to fully vaccinated persons without a booster.*



During both Delta and Omicron predominance, incidence and hospitalization rates were **highest among unvaccinated persons** and **lowest among vaccinated persons with a booster.**



Find additional data here: [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7105e1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7105e1.htm)