

Omicron appears to be milder than Delta — but it's more infectious, including to the vaccinated. What does that mean for you?

Back in July, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky announced that COVID had become “[a pandemic of the unvaccinated](#),” an [unfortunate turn of phrase](#) that was soon picked up by the [president](#).

Now the flaws in its logic are about to be exposed on what could be a terrifying scale.

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For much of the summer and fall, those who had received two Pfizer or Moderna doses or one Johnson & Johnson shot were told that they were [essentially bulletproof](#), especially if they were young and healthy.

But preliminary data from South Africa and Europe now suggest that two vaccine doses alone might still allow for frequent [breakthrough infections](#) and rapid spread of the disease—even if hospitalization and death remain unlikely. Getting three shots, or two shots plus a previous bout of COVID, seems to offer more protection.

For Saad Omer, the director of the Yale Institute for Global Health, that's enough evidence to justify changing the CDC's [definition of full vaccination](#). “With Omicron and the data emerging, I think there is no reason why we shouldn't have a pretty strong push for everyone to have boosters,” he told me.

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