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The American Association of Immunologists (A\*Al)rges all Americans to get fully vaccinated,\*\* and onceeligible, to receive a booster shadjainst COVID19. Vaccination significantly reduces our chance of being hospitalized for, or dying from, COVID) and will help protect the lives and health of your family, friends, and community masinologists and other scientists work to understand the threat of new variances uding omicron, our existing vaccines remain our bestand an extraordinarily effective tool against a disease that has already claimed the lives of more than 782,000 Americans and more. Phanillion people globally.

<sup>\*</sup>AAI (www.aai.org) is the nation's largest professional association of research scientists and physicians who study the immune system.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Considers people fully vaccinated "2 weeks after their second dose in a 2dose series, such as the Pfizer or Modernainas, or 2 weeks after a single ose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine."