



Video Transcript

COVID-19 Vaccine

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Lee Bond: It's important for people to get the COVID-19 vaccine because it could save your life.

We've had a 38-year-old that was perfectly healthy that's not had a good outcome from this. But there's stories every day, and you just never know who's going to be that person, and the delta variant's so contagious that your odds of contracting it are just very high.

The other reason is hospitals are overwhelmed in that they need to be able to take care of heart attacks and strokes and normal things, and right now you know you've got a long wait in ERs across the country. That's another reason.

But the biggest reason is, it could save your life. It can keep you out of the hospital. The math proves that there's a 90-plus-percent chance if you're vaccinated, even if you get a high viral load, you will not be hospitalized. More importantly, there's over a 99% chance if you're vaccinated you won't die if you get COVID-19.

If you don't believe the science, look at the math. More than 163 million people have been vaccinated in America with 0.0004% — hardly no one has had a bad reaction to the vaccine. And that's just math. It's not feelings, it's just math.

The reason now is the timing — this thing is going to possibly keep mutating. I'm an optimist, and I hope maybe after the delta variant is gone, it's gone. But I don't know that for sure — no one does. But a way to guarantee it is, the more people that are vaccinated, the higher chances that we don't have to deal with this again at this magnitude for a very long time.

It's the time to be a patriot, to be an American that says "hey, I'm going to do this for the rest of the world, not for myself."