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October 4 – October 17

October 7, 2021

Pfizer & BioNTech apply for emergency authorization of their pediatric COVID-19 vaccine

Pfizer and BioNTech announced that they officially submitted a request to the U.S. FDA for Emergency Use Authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years old. The FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee will [meet on October 26](#) to discuss the clinical trial data. The CDC is scheduled to give their recommendations in early November.

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October 8, 2021

More people are getting COVID-19 booster shots than first doses of a COVID-19 vaccine

More people in the U.S. are getting booster shots than getting their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. According to CDC data, about 2.7 million booster shots were administered between September 30 and October 6, compared to 2 million first doses. Some worry that this trend suggests that we might be reaching a 'ceiling' in vaccination outreach.

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October 14, 2021

FDA panel recommends Moderna COVID-19 booster shot for at-risk adults

The U.S. FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee recommended that the FDA grant an EUA for a booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for certain populations. These populations include people 65 and older as well as people 18-64 who are at high risk of severe COVID-19 or who are frequently exposed to COVID-19 in their home or workplace environments. The FDA has not formally authorized this booster shot yet, and the CDC will meet on [Thursday \(10/21\)](#) to discuss their recommendations.

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October 15, 2021

FDA panel recommends J&J COVID-19 booster shot for all adults over 18 who've received the J&J shot

The U.S. FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee unanimously recommended an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for a booster dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. This booster would be for adults aged 18 and older who received their initial vaccination with the single-shot vaccine at least two months ago. The FDA has not formally authorized this booster shot yet, and the CDC will meet on [Thursday \(10/21\)](#) to discuss their recommendations.

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October 15, 2021

U.S. will update its travel policy with new criteria for being "fully vaccinated"

A new travel policy for foreign nationals traveling to the United States will take effect on November 8. For purposes of entry into the country, "fully vaccinated" individuals will now include those who have 1) received any single dose of an FDA approved/authorized or WHO EUL approved single-dose series (i.e., Janssen), or 2) any combination of two doses of an FDA approved/authorized or WHO EUL approved COVID-19 two-dose series. This includes those who [mix-and-match vaccines](#).

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