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**CDC recommends Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 years old**

CDC now recommends that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children in this age group is administered as a two-dose primary series, 3 weeks apart, but uses a smaller dose (10 micrograms) than the one used for individuals 12 years of age and older (30 micrograms).

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**Pfizer says its COVID-19 antiviral pill reduces risk of hospitalization or death by 89%**

Pfizer announced that its investigational COVID-19 oral antiviral candidate, PAXLOVID™, significantly reduced hospitalization and death, based on the company’s interim analysis. The analysis showed an 89% reduction in risk of COVID-19-related hospitalization or death from any cause (compared to placebo). No deaths were reported in patients who received the oral antiviral during the study compared to 10 deaths in patients who received the placebo. Pfizer plans to submit the data for an EUA as soon as possible.

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**New U.S. COVID vaccine rules for international travelers**

New rules and regulations for international travelers flying into the U.S. went into effect on November 8. Travelers must show a digital or paper version of their vaccine card (or other proof of vaccination) along with personal identification. The vaccine must currently be on the WHO or U.S. FDA authorized or approved lists. For foreign nationals who aren’t vaccinated (or didn’t get a vaccine from the approved lists), a trip to the U.S. is possible only if they meet the criteria for an exception. More details about travel to the U.S. can be found [here](#).

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**U.S. appeals court affirms hold on vaccine mandate**

A U.S. appeals court confirmed its decision to pause the COVID-19 vaccine mandate proposed by the Biden administration for companies with over 100 workers. This ruling is unlikely to be the final word. The Supreme Court is expected to eventually decide the matter. Additionally, after the Biden administration’s announcement of a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers, [10 states have filed a lawsuit](#) against the requirement, saying the mandate is “unconstitutional and unlawful.”

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