

UNMASK THE FACTS

November 1 – November 14

November 2, 2021

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 and BioNTech request FDA booster for all adults over the age of 18

Pfizer and BioNTech have submitted a request to amend the U.S. FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for a booster dose of their COVID-19 vaccine to include all individuals 18 years of age and older. The amendment request is based on results from a Phase 3 randomized, controlled trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of a booster dose of the vaccine. Currently, the Pfizer-BioNTech booster shot is only recommended for people in [certain populations](#).

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November 5, 2021

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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November 8, 2021

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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