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October 18 – October 31

October 29, 2021

FDA authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in children 5-11

The U.S. FDA updated the EUA of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to include children 5-11 years old. This pediatric vaccine is administered as a two-dose primary series, 3 weeks apart, but uses a lower dose (10 micrograms) than that one for individuals over the age of 12 (30 micrograms). As of yesterday (11/2), CDC formally recommends this vaccine to children 5-11 years old.

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CDC allows adults over 18 to take any one of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines as their booster shot

New CDC guidelines allow people to “mix and match” which COVID-19 vaccine they take as a booster. A booster for Pfizer and Moderna recipients is now recommended 6 months after the second dose for people 65 and up and some younger adults. A booster for the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for people 18 and older at least two months after their initial dose.

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October 20, 2021

White House announces their plans for vaccinating pediatric populations

The White House recently announced some plans for getting shots to children aged 5-11, pending the CDC’s recommendations. The plan revolves around a national education campaign to provide parents with accurate science-based information on vaccines for children. The plan attempts to ensure that, once authorized, the vaccine is quickly distributed and made conveniently and equitably available to families across the country.

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FDA postpones the Moderna vaccine EUA for adolescents

Moderna announced that the U.S. FDA has notified them that it will require additional time to complete its assessment of Moderna’s Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) request for use in adolescents (12-17 years old). The FDA informed Moderna that the agency requires additional time to evaluate recent international analyses on the risk of myocarditis after vaccination. This review may not be completed before January 2022.

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Close to 115,000 health workers around the world have died from COVID-19

The World Health Organization estimated that around 115,000 health care workers globally died from COVID-19 between January 2020 and May 2021. These numbers are based on the total reported death toll of 3.45 million from that timeframe. In comparison, the current death toll now is closer to 5.01 million. WHO is using this data to once again advocate for vaccine equity.

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