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COVID-19 cases rising due to the highly contagious Delta variant

The [Delta variant](#) spreads quickly. As the CDC director recently stated, “if you get sick with the Alpha variant, you could infect about two other unvaccinated people. If you get sick with the Delta variant, we estimate that you could infect about five other unvaccinated people — more than twice as many as the original strain.” While some vaccinated people have contracted COVID-19 through the Delta variant, authorized vaccines continue to prevent severe illness, hospitalizations, and death from the virus.

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The U.S. moves towards offering booster shots to the immunocompromised

Experts at the FDA and CDC have announced that they intend to get a third dose of COVID-19 vaccines to immunocompromised individuals in the U.S. “as quick as possible.” However, they cannot recommend extra doses of the vaccine under the current emergency use authorizations. While [some U.S. cities already allow booster shots](#), the WHO has recently called for a halt in administering boosters, hoping instead to focus on getting at least 10% of the population in every country vaccinated first.

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News coverage of variants encourages some unvaccinated adults to get vaccinated

One in five unvaccinated adults (22%) say news of variants has made them more likely to get vaccinated against COVID-19. However, few (2%) of those who say they will “definitely not” get vaccinated have been swayed. Most vaccinated adults say news of the variants has made them more likely to wear a mask in public (62%) or avoid large gatherings (61%), but not many unvaccinated adults agree (37% and 40%, respectively).

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Novavax delayed in seeking U.S. authorization for its COVID-19 vaccine

Despite the company’s plan to file in the third quarter of 2021, Novavax now expects to apply for U.S. FDA emergency use authorization no earlier than October. Manufacturing delays have slowed their application in the U.S., but they claim to have already filed for authorization in India, Indonesia, and the Philippines. At the moment, only the Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J vaccines have emergency use authorizations in the U.S.

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Some U.S. jurisdictions are mandating COVID-19 vaccines for healthcare personnel

The California Department of Health and the Government of Puerto Rico have issued orders that make COVID-19 vaccination mandatory for all healthcare personnel. These employees have until September 30 to receive their second dose, according to the orders from both jurisdictions. In Puerto Rico, [the order](#) extends to all workers in the public sector and the hotel industry (workers and guests).

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