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## CDC recommends Pfizer vaccine for children under 5 years old

On Saturday, the CDC recommended that all children 6 months old and older should get vaccinated against COVID-19. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for kids from 6 months to 4 years old is a three-shot regimen, and each dose is one-tenth the dosage given to adults (3 micrograms). Children should receive two doses three weeks apart, and a third dose at least two months later. Both the FDA and the CDC found that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for this age group is safe and effective. This vaccine shows an efficacy of 76% for children 6 months to 2 years old, and 82% for children 2 to 4 years old.

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## CDC recommends Moderna vaccine for children under 6 years old

The CDC also recommended Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine for children from 6 months to 5 years old. Moderna's vaccine for this age group is given in two shots, and each dose is one-quarter the dose of that used in adults (25 micrograms). Those immunized with Moderna would get two doses four weeks apart (the same timeline as adults). While the Moderna vaccine only requires two shots at the moment, they are currently doing research on boosters as well, which might be added to the series later. This vaccine has an efficacy of 37% for children 2 to 5 years old, and 51% for children 6 months to 2 years old.

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## Moderna announced a new COVID-19 booster formula

Moderna announced that its redesigned version of a COVID-19 booster shot appears to provide stronger protection against the omicron variant than its current vaccine. A 50-µg booster dose of this mRNA formula met all expectations including a stronger neutralizing antibody response against the Omicron variant one month after administration than the original mRNA vaccine. This booster formula has not been authorized for use by the public yet.

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## FDA authorizes the Moderna vaccine for kids and teens 6-17 years old

The FDA has expanded the emergency use authorization of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine to include those from 6 to 17 years old. Two 100-microgram doses are authorized for ages 12 to 17 and two 50-microgram doses for 6 to 11-year-olds. The benefits of the Moderna vaccine outweigh the risks in these age groups, based on the available scientific evidence. The CDC will meet on June 23 to discuss who can and should get this COVID-19 vaccine.

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## U.S. drops COVID-19 testing requirement for international travelers

The CDC will no longer require air passengers traveling from a foreign country to the United States to show a negative COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board their flight. Non-citizen non-immigrants are still required to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 before boarding a flight to the United States. Find more details about international travel at the CDC's website.

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