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CDC recommends Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for people 6-17 years old

The CDC officially recommended that Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine be used as an option for children ages 6 through 17 years old. This means that the Moderna vaccine—in different dosages—is recommended for everyone 6 months old and older. The CDC's recommendation comes after a thorough review of the scientific evidence demonstrating the vaccine's safety and efficacy, and it supports the use of this vaccine in people 6 to 17 years old.

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Different COVID-19 vaccination sites serve different ages

Pharmacies (like Walgreens) are allowed to administer the COVID-19 vaccine for children 3 years old and older. CVS MinuteClinics can give vaccines to kids older than 18 months. For children who are younger than 18 months, parents will need to book an appointment with their child's pediatrician or clinic. Not all locations will offer both the Pfizer and Moderna regimen. Check online at vaccines.gov or call your child's clinic to find out which vaccines are available and to set up an appointment.

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FDA asks COVID-19 vaccine makers to focus on boosters against Omicron

FDA advisors asked manufacturers of COVID-19 vaccines to modify their formulas to offer more protection against new Omicron subvariants like BA.4 and BA.5. These subvariants account for more than half of new COVID-19 cases in the United States today. Under this plan, the original vaccines can still be used for the primary series, but the FDA hopes to make a more targeted booster shot by this fall.

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June 23, 2022

Vaccines prevented nearly 20 million COVID-19 deaths worldwide

Nearly 20 million lives were saved by COVID-19 vaccines during their first year of implementation, according to a new study. The researchers concluded that 600,000 more deaths could have been prevented if international immunization targets of 40% had been met by the end of 2021. The data spanned 185 countries and territories.

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June 22, 2022

Data estimates that 1 in 5 U.S. adults who got COVID-19 now have long COVID

About 20 million people —7.5% of U.S. adults— are currently living with long COVID symptoms, according to new federal data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). This finding is based on self-reported data from about 62,000 U.S. adults surveyed in June. More than 40% of respondents said they'd previously had COVID-19. About one in five of those individuals said they still had long COVID symptoms, defined as new health issues lasting at least three months after infection.

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