

FDA Approves First Covid-19 Vaccine

On August 23rd the FDA approved the Pfizer biotech vaccine. The vaccine is approved for Covid prevention for those 16 and older but is still authorized for emergency use for children 12-15. The vaccine is also authorized for emergency use of a third dose for those who are immunocompromised.

The vaccine was originally authorized for emergency use on December 11th, 2020 for those 16 and older, and was authorized on May 10th, 2021 for children 12 and up.

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The FDA's approval of this vaccine is a milestone as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. "While millions of people have already safely received COVID-19 vaccines, we recognize that for some, the FDA approval of a vaccine may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated. Today's milestone puts us one step closer to altering the course of this pandemic in the U.S.

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Not only have the Covid-19 vaccines been developed faster than any other vaccine, the Pfizer vaccine has been FDA-approved faster than any other vaccine.