



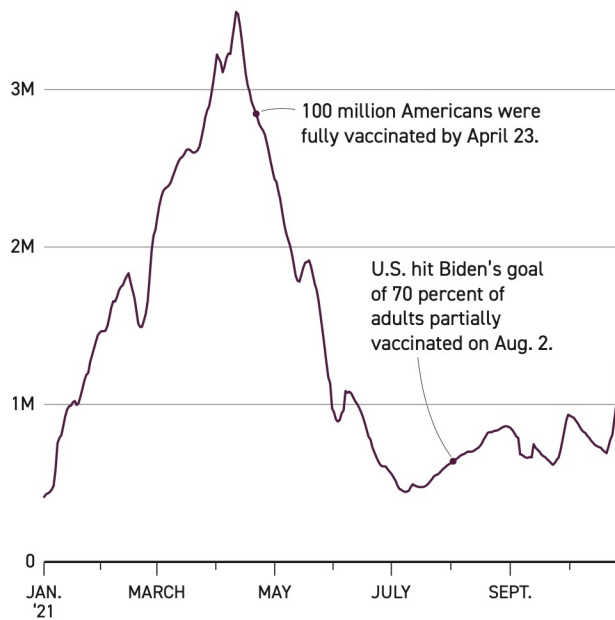
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Covid-19 tracker: Biden's vaccine mandate temporarily suspended

An appeals court in Louisiana temporarily blocked the Biden administration's vaccine mandate, which would require millions of workers to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 by Jan. 4, 2022 or be tested weekly. The plaintiffs include several Republican-led states and conservative religious groups. Thus far, more than two dozen states have filed legal challenges against the mandate. Despite the temporary block, the White House recommended on Monday that businesses move forward with the mandate.

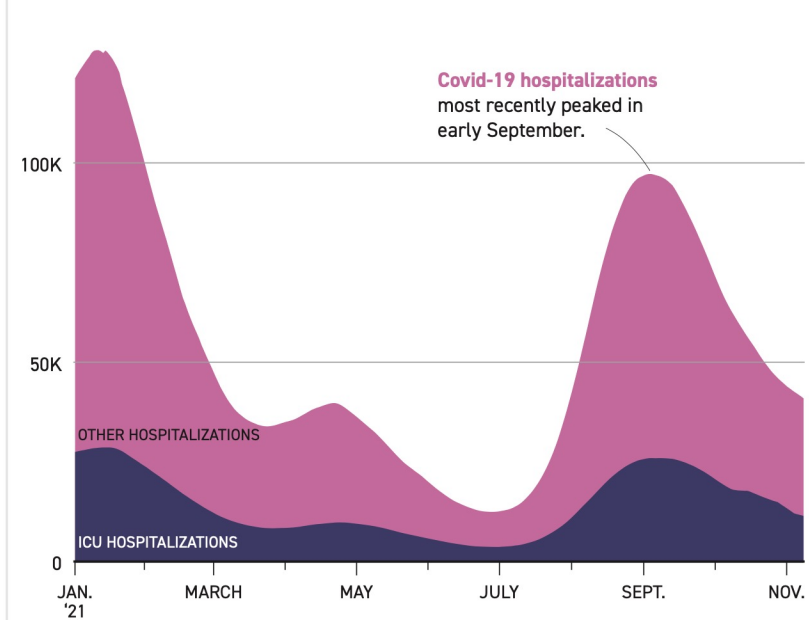
419M vaccine doses have been administered as of Oct. 29

DOSES ADMINISTERED, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE



Covid-19 hospitalizations continue to fall

NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE AS OF NOV. 8



Sources: CDC, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, POLITICO staff reports, AP News



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- A federal court temporarily blocked the Biden administration's vaccine mandate for private businesses in a suit filed by several states including Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Utah. In its response on Monday, the Justice Department said there was no reason for an emergency block since the mask requirement for unvaccinated workers wouldn't take effect until Dec. 5 and the vaccine mandate on Jan. 4. The administration also said a ruling shouldn't be made until the jurisdiction for the case has been selected. Ultimately, the case could end up before the Supreme Court.
- After a year and a half, the U.S. lifted the international travel ban initially enforced by then-President Donald Trump, then extended by President Joe Biden. International travelers entering the U.S. must show full proof of vaccination, as well as a negative Covid-19 test taken 72 hours prior to boarding a plane.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention endorsed the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11. This comes after the FDA authorized the vaccine for young children on Oct. 29.

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