



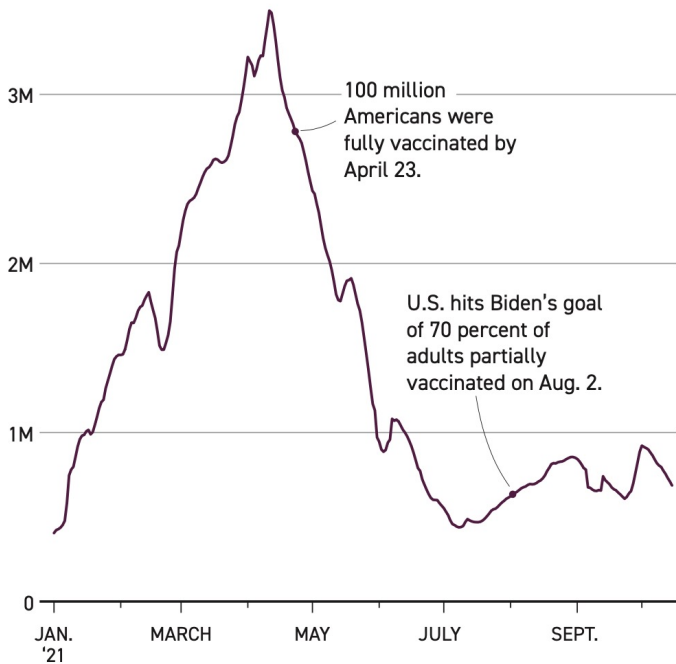
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Covid-19 tracker: CDC allows 4th vaccine dose, hospitalizations fall

The FDA's independent advisory committee has recommended Pfizer's low-dose Covid-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11, a first in making the Covid-19 vaccine available to children under 12 years old. Additionally, the CDC on Oct. 26 updated its guidelines to allow immunocompromised people to receive a fourth vaccine dose six months after their third vaccine dose.

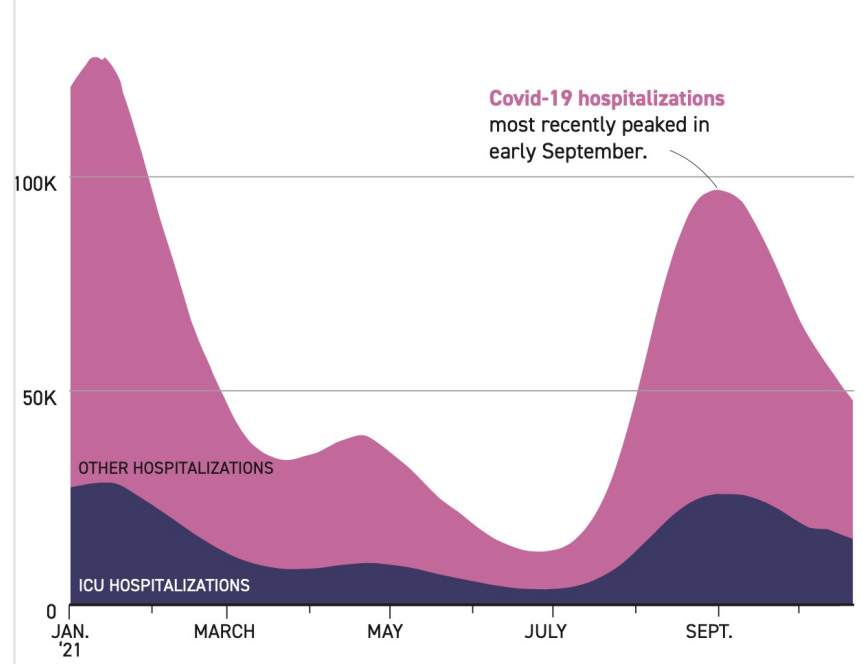
410M vaccine doses have been administered as of Oct. 15

DOSES ADMINISTERED, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE



Covid-19 hospitalizations fall under 50,000 for the first time since summer

NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19, SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE



Source: CDC, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, POLITICO staff reports



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The latest in pandemic news

- The CDC updated its guidelines on Oct. 26 to allow moderately to severely immunocompromised people over 18 to receive a fourth vaccine dose. These people would be given a fourth dose six months after their booster shot.
- The FDA's independent vaccine advisory committee voted on Oct. 26 to recommend authorizing the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5 to 11, after a report released last week found a double dose of the vaccine had 90.7% efficacy rate in that age group. The FDA will have to release a final decision, and the CDC will also have to issue its own guidance, before vaccines would be administered to children in this age group.
- The FDA announced that those who are eligible for boosters do not need to get the same brand of vaccine they initially received, paving the way for a mix-and-match method that will allow, among other options, people who received the less effective Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine to receive the Pfizer or Moderna booster.
- The White House announced on Oct. 15 that the U.S. will reopen its border to fully vaccinated foreign travelers on Nov. 8. This will be the first time the U.S. has opened its border since March 2020.



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