

Boosters to Be Approved for Ages 12 to 15

(Paper: F.D.A. Plans to Allow 12- to 15-Year-Olds to Receive Pfizer Boosters)

Regulators are also expected to allow even younger children with immune deficiencies to get an extra shot.

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WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration is planning to [broaden eligibility](#) for coronavirus vaccine booster shots on Monday, allowing 12- to 15-year-olds to receive third doses of Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine, according to people familiar with the agency's deliberations.

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[Regulators](#) are also expected to authorize an extra shot of Pfizer's vaccine for both adolescents and adults five months after receiving a second dose, instead of the current interval of six months. Younger children, ages 5 to 11, with immune [deficiencies](#) would be able to receive booster shots as well.

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The decision to expand the use of the shots would come just as schools begin to reopen after the holiday break, and as governments around the world try to respond to the fast-spreading Omicron variant.

Israel on Thursday [approved a fourth dose of vaccine](#) for people with weakened immune systems, and Britain's National Health Service said its hospitals would [erect](#) field [wards](#) to help deal with the surge in cases.

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Several U.S. states hit their records for the coronavirus this week, disrupting the lives of millions of Americans. New York's mayor-elect, Eric Adams, vowed to [keep the city's vaccine mandate for private-sector](#)

[employees in place](#), and the [C.D.C.](#) issued [a blunt warning](#) to potential travelers: “Avoid cruise travel [regardless](#) of vaccination status.”

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Health officials are trying to encourage more Americans to get a booster shot — just over a third of fully vaccinated adults have received one — and warn that the unvaccinated face the greatest risk of severe illness and death from Omicron.

“Our C.D.C. guidance has been very clear that people should get their boost when they are eligible,” Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, the C.D.C. director, said, “That is both for — because of waning immunity and because we need more protection against Omicron.”

More than 70 percent of people 12 and older in the United States are fully vaccinated, [according to the C.D.C.](#) Around a quarter of children between 5 and 11 have received at least one dose. Children under 5 are still not eligible for a vaccine.

Putin Warns of a ‘Rupture’ Over Ukraine

(Putin Warns Biden of ‘Complete Rupture’ of U.S.-Russia Relationship Over Ukraine)

President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia spoke with President Biden for 50 minutes about the escalating crisis with Ukraine, but his intentions remained unclear.

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President Vladimir V. Putin warned President Biden on Thursday that any economic sanctions imposed on Russia if it would take new military action against Ukraine could result in a “complete rupture” of relations between the two nuclear superpowers, a Russian official told reporters.

(The exchange came during) A 50-minute phone call that Putin requested, and which both sides described as businesslike. Yet it ended without clarity about Mr. Putin’s intentions. He has massed 100,000 or

so troops on the border with Ukraine, and issued demands for the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and the United States to pull back their forces in the region, but apparently has not decided whether to order an invasion.

Mr. Biden, for his part, “made clear that the United States and its allies and partners will respond decisively if Russia further invades Ukraine.” according to a **terse** White House account of the call.

American officials declined to discuss the any of the substance of the discussion, insisting that, unlike the Russians, they would not **negotiate** in public. But both sides appeared to be trying to shape the diplomatic landscape for talks that will begin in Geneva on Jan. 10, and then move to Brussels and Vienna later in the week in sessions that will include NATO allies and then Ukraine itself.

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