

U.S. regulators approve bivalent COVID boosters for children 5 and older

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Washington, October 14 (RHC)-- The Biden administration has authorized reformulated COVID-19 booster shots for children as young as 5 years old. CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky approved emergency use of the vaccines produced by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, just hours after the Food and

Drug Administration authorized them.

Only about 4% of eligible U.S. adults have received updated, bivalent booster shots, which are meant to protect against two Omicron subvariants that currently make up most U.S. coronavirus infections.

COVID-19 continues to kill nearly 400 people a day across the United States.

In related news, at the White House, COVID task force leader Dr. Ashish Jha said frontline healthcare workers could face shortages of personal protective equipment this winter, after the Biden administration redirected resources away from the national stockpile in order to continue making vaccines widely available.

Dr. Ashish Jha told reporters: "All of this is made just dramatically harder by congressional inaction. You can't fight a deadly virus without resources. And congressional inaction is really costly."

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