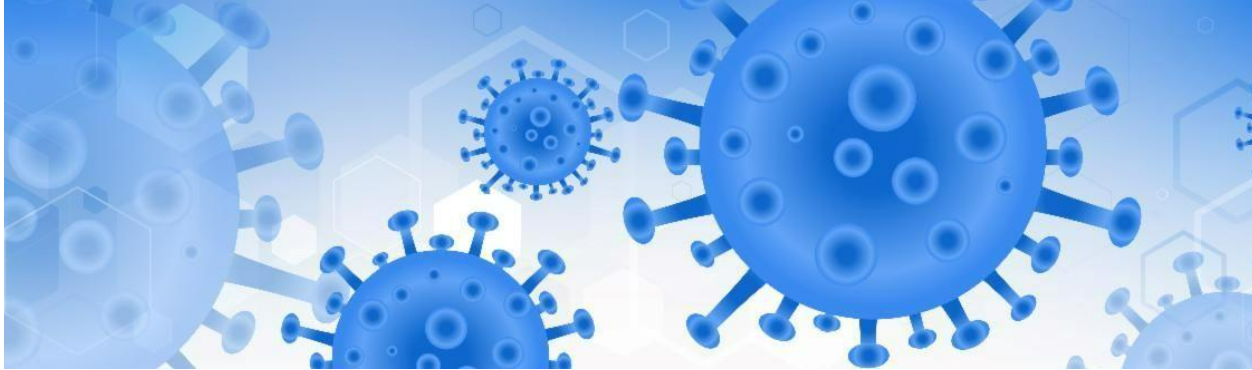


# IMMUNIZATION COVID-19 Update

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## Question of the Week



**What resources are available for providers to communicate COVID-19 treatment therapies to patients and the public?**

It's common for the public to have questions about **FDA approved and authorized COVID-19 treatment options**. The FDA continues to make that information available through reader and user-friendly resources, while simultaneously monitoring authorized and approved treatments as variants change.

Earlier this month, the FDA published an updated version of the Consumer Update [Know Your Treatment Options for COVID-19](#) with the latest information on COVID therapies. The tool provides a general overview of the FDA-approved COVID-19 treatments: Veklury (remdesivir) and Olumiant (baricitinib). Veklury (remdesivir) is an antiviral drug for adults and certain pediatric patients with COVID-19. This is an

intravenous therapy (IV). Olumiant (baricitinib) is an immune modulator for certain hospitalized adults with COVID-19.

The FDA has also provided this [video](#), which providers can share via social media, in waiting room areas, at community outreach initiatives, etc.

## COVID-19 vaccination schedule at-a-glance

The CDC has released an at-a-glance [COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule](#). Providers can use the schedule to determine how many total COVID-19 vaccine doses are recommended based on primary series product, age, and immune status. The schedule does not include clinical details necessary for administering COVID-19 vaccines. It does provide resources for clinical details.



## CDC addresses COVID-19 recurrence after Paxlovid treatment

On May 24, the CDC alerted healthcare providers, health departments and the public on potential for COVID-19 recurrence or COVID-19 rebound:

**“Paxlovid continues to be recommended for early stage treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 among persons at high risk for progression to severe disease.** Paxlovid treatment helps prevent hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. Known as *COVID-19 rebound*, this has been reported to occur between 2 and 8 days after initial recovery, and is characterized by a recurrence of COVID-19 symptoms or a new positive viral test after having tested negative.

**A brief return of symptoms may be part of the natural history of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) infection in some persons, independent of treatment with Paxlovid and regardless of vaccination status.** Limited information currently available from case reports suggests that persons treated with Paxlovid who experience COVID-19 rebound have had mild illness; there are no reports of severe disease. There is currently no evidence that additional treatment is needed with Paxlovid or other anti-SARS-CoV-2 therapies in cases where COVID-19 rebound is suspected.

Regardless of whether the patient has been treated with an antiviral agent, risk of transmission during COVID-19 rebound can be managed by following CDC’s guidance on isolation, including taking other precautions such as masking.” [Read more.](#)

## Protecting vaccine storage during hurricane season

LDH-OPH Immunization Program advises all COVID-19 vaccination providers to review your vaccine emergency storage plan for all COVID-19 vaccines in your inventory, as the 2022 hurricane season begins on June 1.

In accordance with the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement Emergency Vaccine Management Plan, an emergency vaccine storage plan is required of all COVID-19 providers. This plan helps save millions of dollars in vaccines in the event of a hurricane-related or other natural disaster.





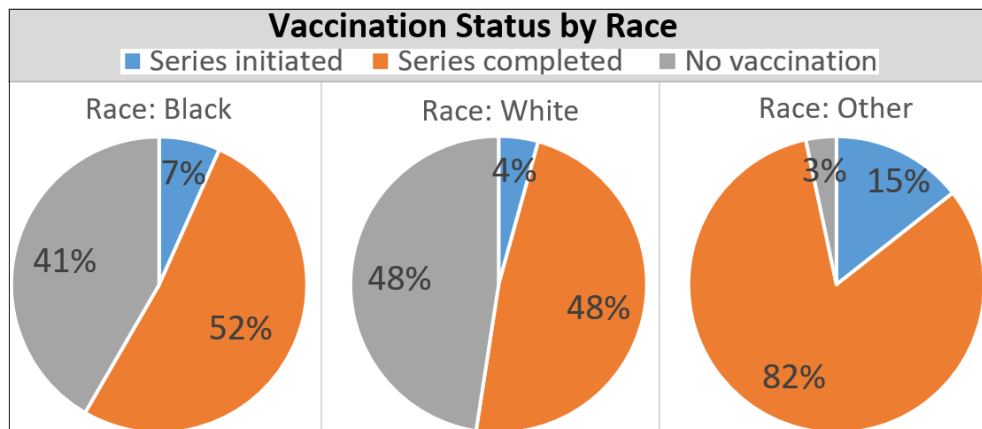
The CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccination for children 5 years and older and offers six things to know about vaccinating children:

1. **The COVID-19 vaccination for children is safe.** Ongoing safety monitoring shows that COVID-19 vaccination continues to be safe for children and that the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks.
2. **Getting vaccinated can help protect children against COVID-19.** Vaccination can prevent serious illness in children, including children with underlying medical conditions. Vaccination helps keep them involved in activities such as school, childcare, sports, and extracurricular activities.
3. **Children may have some side effects after COVID-19 vaccination.** Side effects may affect a child's ability to do daily activities. Side effects should go away in a few days, and some children do not experience side effects. Side effects are more common after the second shot.
4. **Children who have already had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated.** The COVID-19 vaccine for children contains the same active ingredients as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals ages 12 years and older. However, children receive a smaller dose of the vaccine, **and** the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines for teens and adults cannot be given to children ages 5-11.
5. **COVID-19 vaccination offers added protection.** Emerging evidence indicates that people can get added protection by getting vaccinated after they have been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19.
6. **Children can safely receive other vaccines the same day they receive their COVID-19 vaccine.** If multiple vaccines are given at a single visit, each injection will be given in a different injection site, according to recommendations by age.



[Read more.](#)

## Louisiana COVID-19 vaccine demographics



## Good reads

- [COVID-19 cases trending upward in Louisiana](#)
- [A New Study Explores Why the Gym Can Be a COVID-19 Spreading Hotspot](#)
- [FDA advisers to meet to discuss COVID-19 shots for kids, vaccines for fall](#)
- [Are COVID Vaccines Still Blocking Severe Disease?](#)
- [Opponents of federal COVID-19 vaccine mandate ask appeals court to reconsider](#)

**REMINDER**

**COVID-19 vaccines effectively protect people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and even dying—especially people who are boosted.**

As with vaccines for other diseases, you are protected best when you stay up to date. CDC recommends that everyone who is eligible stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines, including people with weakened immune systems.



## Submit a Question of the Week

Do you have a frequently asked question that you would like to submit or have answered in the QOW?

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