

Discover & Deliver: Moderna on Track to be Second Vaccine Authorized for Kids 12+

As families across the U.S. prepare for the long holiday weekend and warmer weather, [the CDC estimates](#), 46.6% of Americans over the age of 12 are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Encouraging news today from Moderna offers hope that we may well be on track for a return to normal for parents and children alike this summer.

What's new: Earlier today, [Moderna announced](#) their mRNA vaccine was 100% effective against COVID-19 infection in adolescents ages 12 to 17 in a 3,700 Phase 2/3 trials. The vaccine also showed impressive efficacy in teens following just one dose – with 93% efficacy against COVID-19 infection 14 days after the initial vaccine.

What's next: Moderna plans to submit an expanded Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) application to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in early June, with the FDA approval process to follow [within a month](#). If authorized, Moderna's vaccine will be the second mRNA candidate available for teenagers over the age of 12.

Why it matters: Because children make up 20% of the U.S., the authorization of additional vaccines will be critical to ensuring that as many adolescents as possible are protected against COVID-19 by the time schools start this fall.

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