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COVID-19 Vaccines May Not Be Recommended for Children, Initially

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that potential COVID-19 vaccines may not be initially recommended for children.

The CDC explained that only non-pregnant adults have taken part in clinical trials so far, but clarified that trials will "continue to expand those recruited to participate." The organization noted that groups recommended to receive the vaccine may change in the future.

Some believe this will have a low impact on the population, since children don't usually become severely ill due to COVID-19. Others disagree, saying that children can simply transmit the coronavirus to other, more high-risk individuals.

"The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as large quantities are available."

- The CDC

The CDC already announced that vaccines would likely be limited through 2020, when available, and availability will expand gradually. Not initially recommending the vaccines for children may prove to be a nonissue, since they would likely be at the bottom of the priority list to receive them in 2020.

What's next?

The CDC will update the country as developments occur. The organization's <u>Operation Warp Speed</u> is working to push out a vaccine as soon as possible, while still ensuring it's safe.



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