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Novavax Vaccine FAQ

Is this vaccine approved by the FDA ?

Yes! The FDA recently gave the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine emergency use authorization, for use as a two dose primary series for adults 18 and over. CDC has issued a recommendation for its use.

Is this vaccine like the Moderna or Pfizer?

No! This vaccine is not an mRNA vaccine, but instead is a subunit vaccine that uses harmless pieces of the virus along with an ingredient called an adjuvant that helps the immune system respond to the virus in the future.

Is this a new (untested) type of vaccine?

No! This type of vaccine has been in use for over 30 years, beginning with the hepatitis B vaccine. It is also used for some flu vaccines and the whooping cough vaccine!

Is this vaccine effective against all COVID-19 variants?

Yes! Novavax reported on July 1 that the vaccine prompts a broad immune response against all COVID variants, including BA.5.

Can I receive the Novavax vaccine as a booster?

No! Not yet, it has currently only been approved for use as a first and second dose for those who are currently unvaccinated

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