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1 RFK Junior FDA Approves Updated Covid Vaccines With New Restrictions **RAWSEP View** People 65 and older are authorized to receive COVID 19 Vaccines this fall **Key excerpts** This would mark the first fall/winter season that Covid shots were not widely recommended to most people and children pitting federal health officials in the Trump administration against several national medical groups that oppose the restrictions Many public health experts view the changes as part of the Kennedy broader campaign against certain vaccines especially his targeting of mRNA technology which has been used in the vast majority of shots administered to Americans They criticized his recent cancellation of 500 million dollars in grants to study flu and Covid vaccines as a move that would significantly set back American efforts to develop better therapies and leave the nation reliant on older slower approaches **Excerpts edited by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times August 27 2025 The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved updated Covid vaccines for the fall season and limited who can get the shots most restrictive policy of the federal government since the vaccines became available The agency authorized the vaccines for people who are 65 and older Younger people would only be eligible if they had at least one underlying medical condition that would put them at risk for severe disease Healthy children under 18 could still receive the shots if a medical provider is consulted People seeking the shots will soon face another hurdle An influential advisory committee to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must vote to recommend them But that the makeup of the panel shifted when Health Secretary Kennedy Junior unseated existing members reduced the size of the panel and added some Covid vaccine opponents In

a social media post Kennedy said the approvals accomplished the goals of keeping vaccines available to people who want them and of demanding that companies conduct placebo controlled trials One new required study would examine post Covid 19 vaccination syndrome in patients a condition that has been noted in at least one small preliminary medical report but is still a matter of pitched debate Those efforts have been tempered to some degree by the White House where President Trump remains proud of Operation Warp Speed which was widely recognized as an impressive feat of science organization and execution to develop and deliver vaccines that helped bring the pandemic to an end The F D A new limited approval covers two vaccines designed with mRNA that were updated to target the LP point 8 point 1 variant which represents nearly one third of recent cases The Moderna vaccine authorization covers those who are 6 months old and older and have medical conditions and all people over 65 The Pfizer shot was approved for the same group ages 5 and older The agency also approved the protein based Novavax vaccine which is matched to the Omicron strain JN point 1 point which the mRNA vaccines targeted last year The company said the shots continue to offer high levels of antibodies The F D A revoked emergency authorizations for the vaccines in children which would **make the Pfizer shot unavailable for children younger than 5** And the rates of vaccine use have dropped in recent years to about 23 percent among all adults and to 13 percent of people younger than 18 according to the CDC A decision by the CDC panel is expected within a month and it could greatly influence access to the shots at drugstore sites which have become the most convenient places to get them **Laws in a number of states including California Pennsylvania Florida and Massachusetts require that pharmacy staff are only permitted to administer vaccines recommended by the CDC** Along with the new eligibility limits pharmacists are raising concerns over their role in an era of increasing vaccine restrictions I am hearing from pharmacists who are fearful they might be in legal jeopardy for providing vaccines said Michael Osterholm a University of Minnesota epidemiologist We have created this environment of fear for vaccine administration Kennedy has upended decades of vaccine policy at the CDC in recent months replacing infectious disease experts with some members who have vehemently opposed the mRNA Covid vaccines Kennedy who spent nearly 20 years working as an anti-vaccine activist before entering government also has the final say over the panel recommendations The National Association of Chain Drug Stores is carefully watching the CDC next move given that about 90 percent of Covid shots were administered in pharmacies in recent years A CVS Health spokesman said it has continued to offer eligible patients Covid vaccines but would review the new federal guidelines For now CVS said pregnant women and children would be able to get Covid shots A number of professional groups have already begun to issue advice that diverges from recent changes under the watch of RFK Junior In May the RFK Junior CDC dropped the recommendation that pregnant women receive the Covid shots a move that could limit insurance coverage and availability at pharmacies The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists took a different stance advising women to get the Covid vaccine to protect themselves and their infants who cannot be immunized until they are 6 months old Large studies have found that vaccination reduces the risk of maternal death or stillbirth during pregnancy Though RFK Junior CDC **data collection has fallen off** reports of Covid deaths have fallen sharply In July a month when case counts tend to be low the CDC reported roughly 170 deaths a week this year Last year there were about 550 to 850 deaths a week in July **Still lawmakers in several states including Maryland Pennsylvania Massachusetts and Rhode Island have taken legislative steps to safeguard their ability to provide vaccines regardless of federal policies** And state health officials in the Northeast and beyond

met recently to discuss paths forward in the case of altered federal vaccine policies. Cases of Covid have ticked up in recent weeks particularly among children from newborns to age 11. CDC data show Children made up the group with the highest rates of Covid in emergency rooms with 3 point 5 percent of those from birth to age 11 testing positive in recent weeks 10 times the rate in May. Traditionally the F D A has issued broad approvals to vaccines and passed the baton to the CDC which convenes experts who issue recommendations on which groups should receive the doses. Those teams tend to carefully weigh the risk of the disease and any safety concerns that emerge about the vaccine. F D A officials announced a new approach in May **narrowing access to Covid vaccines which they described in an essay in the New England Journal of Medicine NEJM**. To address the concern they asked Covid vaccine makers to study the vaccine in 50 to 64 year olds with a focus on comparing symptomatic disease severe illness hospitalization and death to those who were given a placebo. In the meantime the Covid vaccines are restricted among those younger than 65 to people with one of a long list of underlying conditions including depression obesity diabetes or physical inactivity. The F D A also included pregnancy as a condition that elevates the risk of severe disease. Kennedy followed that news with his own announcement standing in for the CDC process ultimately leaving pregnant women off the vaccine schedule and concluding that children could get it after a conversation with a health care provider. **The decision was widely panned by medical experts including Dr Paul Offit a vaccine expert and pediatrician. He said that the Kennedy justification for restricting vaccines from pregnant women detailed in a letter to Congress misrepresented medical studies and would fail a 10th grade science class.** Soon after six leading medical groups sued the Department of Health and Human Services saying the decision would result in preventable deaths including the unborn and newborns under 6 months old. The case is pending.

2 Trump Starts Investigation That Could Lead to Tariffs on Wind Turbines. The tariffs would hamper a clean energy industry that the president has often railed against. **Excerpts edited by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization**. The New York Times Aug 21 2025. Since taking office President Trump has railed against wind power and the turbines that are needed to generate that energy. He has called the turbines ugly and inefficient and criticized them for ruining landscapes as well as endangering whales and birds. So it was curious when on Thursday the administration announced a trade investigation that could result in tariffs on imported wind turbines. The Trump administration has typically imposed tariffs to protect American companies against foreign competition and spur domestic production of critical products. **This time laying out a path to impose tariffs could be an attempt to stymie an industry.** A federal filing released on Thursday showed that the Trump administration had initiated an investigation into foreign wind turbines on August 13. Trump began the inquiry under a legal provision known as **Section 232 which allows the president to apply tariffs to foreign products if their imports threaten national security.** Trump has already used the provision to apply steep tariffs to cars steel aluminum and copper and is threatening further such tariffs on semiconductors pharmaceuticals and airplanes. Analysts at Capstone a strategic consulting firm said the investigation into wind turbines and their components would raise the price of imported materials that wind projects depend on. **They said they believed the investigation was an attempt to further hamper wind build out.** The analysts said that tariffs would be especially painful for developers of

offshore wind projects like those underway in New York since they tend to rely more heavily on imports Trump has frequently criticized wind turbines despite the fact that they are a major source of energy in Republican led states like Iowa Oklahoma and Texas The administration has pushed for the use of oil and gas rather than cleaner sources of energy and recently released a slew of measures aimed at slowing both wind and solar installations **By raising the cost of imported wind turbines tariffs would make wind energy more expensive compared with other types of energy** The United States imported wind components worth 2 point 83 billion dollars last year mostly from the European Union Mexico and India Capstone said Wind power and solar power provided 16 percent of the electricity in America last year and are some of the fastest growing sources of power

3 Trump With Tariffs and Threats Tries to Strong Arm Nations to Retreat on Climate Goals The president has made no secret of his distaste for wind and solar in America Now he is taking his fossil fuel agenda overseas **Excerpts edited by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times Aug 27 2025 President Trump is not only working to stop a transition away from fossil fuels in the United States **he is pressuring other countries to relax their pledges to fight climate change and instead burn more oil gas and coal** Trump who has joined with Republicans in Congress to **shred federal support for electric vehicles and for solar and wind energy** is applying tariffs levies and other mechanisms of the biggest economy in the world **to induce other countries to burn more fossil fuels** His animus is particularly focused on the wind industry which is a well established and growing source of electricity in several European countries as well as in China and Brazil Two weeks ago the administration promised to punish countries by applying tariffs visa restrictions and port fees that vote for a global agreement to slash greenhouse gas emissions from the shipping sector Days later in Geneva the Trump administration joined Saudi Arabia and other oil producing countries to oppose limits on the production of petroleum based plastics Last month the Trump administration struck a trade deal with the European Union in which it agreed to reduce some tariffs if the bloc purchased 750 billion dollars in American oil and gas over three years That deal has raised concerns in some European countries because **it would conflict with plans to reduce the use of fossil fuels the burning of which is the main driver of climate change** They are clearly using various tools in an attempt to increase the use of fossil fuels around the world instead of decrease Jennifer Morgan the former special envoy for climate action in Germany said Also last month Trump Energy Secretary Chris Wright warned that the United States could **pull out of the International Energy Agency after the organization predicted that global oil demand would peak this decade instead of continue to climb** Europe narrowly avoided a trade war with Trump by agreeing among other things to purchase 750 billion dollars in crude oil natural gas other petroleum derivatives and nuclear reactor fuel over three years On an annual basis that would amount to **more than three times the amount the bloc bought last year from the United States** You see a more systematic attempt to be a fossil fuel first strategy to everything that they do said a director of international programs at the Natural Resources Defense Council an environmental group The administration may slow the transition to clean energy by other countries but cannot stop it Schmidt said Most countries that signed the Paris Agreement will submit more ambitious targets for reducing their greenhouse gas emissions to the United Nations this year although some may temper those plans because of the US position he said

4 States vow to fight the Trump official stop work order on offshore wind farm Rhode Island and Connecticut officials say project slated to power 350,000 homes is essential to their climate goals

RAWSEP Key Excerpt The Trump US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management sent the wind farm firm a letter on Friday ordering it to halt all ongoing activities. In particular BOEM is seeking to address concerns related to the protection of national security interests in the United States wrote Matt Giacona the acting director of BOEM adding that Ørsted may not resume activities until the agency has completed a review of the project. Giacona said that the project which had already cleared years of federal and state reviews now needs to be reexamined in light of the Trump order on the first day of his second term to consider terminating or amending any existing wind energy leases. Green Oceans a nonprofit that opposes the offshore wind industry and sued in federal court last year to stop the 83798 acre (33912 hectare) Revolution Wind project on environmental grounds applauded the decision. We are grateful that the Trump Administration and the federal government are taking meaningful action to preserve the fragile ocean environment off the coasts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts the nonprofit said in a statement.

RAWSEP View The real objective of Green Oceans may be to prop up the fossil fuel industry by eliminating wind power clean energy options for powering homes and industries

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The New York Times August 25 2025 The **Democratic governors of Rhode Island and Connecticut** promised on Saturday to fight a Trump administration order halting work on a nearly complete wind farm off their coasts that was expected to be operational next year. The Revolution Wind project was about 80% complete with 45 of its 65 turbines already installed according to the Danish wind farm developer Ørsted when wind power is the largest source of renewable energy in the US and provides about 10% of the electricity generated in the nation. This is the second major offshore wind project the Trump White House has halted. Work was previously stopped on Empire Wind a New York offshore wind project but construction was allowed to resume after Kathy Hochul the governor of New York and Senator Chuck Schumer intervened. This administration has it exactly backwards. It is trying to prop up clunky polluting coal plants while doing all it can to halt the fastest growing energy sources of the future solar and wind power. Kit Kennedy managing director for the power division at the Natural Resources Defense Council said in a statement. Unfortunately every American is paying the price for these misguided decisions.

5 Do not let Donald Trump undermine your faith in the climate fight by Gina McCarthy. The Trump fossil fuel obsession cannot stop global progress writes the former Environmental Protection Agency head

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The Guardian August 24 2025 Over the past decade the United States has turned technologies into tools that strengthened our economy delivered good paying union jobs cleaned up our air and water conserved our precious natural resources and saved families money all across our country. Yet now the country is choosing to cede that leadership letting China dominate and control the clean energy market across the world. Trump is obsessed with fossil fuels. He wants to resuscitate what everyone knows is a dying coal sector while turning a blind eye to the health environmental and economic downsides of the climate crisis. States and institutions are still fighting in court when this administration disregards science and weakens federal efforts to protect people and our environment. Folks are still listening and

speaking up at neighborhood gatherings town hall meetings and public hearings on issues like the weakening of air water and power plant pollution rules that increase risks to families They are still fighting for our lives our communities and our democracy States cities and local communities have authority to act boldly and work with industries to advance market innovation and install clean energy that creates jobs and lowers the cost of living for families They still have clean vehicle fleets for cities to purchase and EV charging projects to pursue They still have tax credits for solar wind and batteries There is more than a decade of geothermal and battery storage tax credits available for cities schools and health clinics as well as many more clean energy opportunities we can and must grab California the fourth largest economy in the world ran on clean energy for 219 days last year Florida built more large scale solar infrastructure than California last year Even in oil country Texas is setting records for solar wind and battery capacity More than 40 states have green banks and clean energy financing institutions Twenty four states are committed to the goals of the Paris climate agreement They are developing bilateral climate partnerships with countries that understand the threat of the climate crisis and the opportunity that clean energy provides US leaders I have worked with for decades during international climate negotiations continue to work with colleagues in the United Nations the European Union India China development banks and the private sector to identify policies and strategies that allow the world to mobilize capital for climate projects Why? Because the cost of not investing in resilience and decarbonization is far too high Mike Bloomberg and Bloomberg Philanthropies have given our country a seat at the global table America Is All In partnering with the US Climate Alliance Climate Mayors Ceres and others will be at the forthcoming UN climate negotiations in Brazil to showcase leadership on infrastructure transportation buildings land use and more that protects our communities and cuts pollution Mayors and governors will use this platform to inform negotiations build new partnerships and pursue creative financing for more projects at home while US investors continue to explore opportunities to address the heartbreaking food and water challenges across the global south Eighty four per cent of corporations are standing by their commitments to cut carbon pollution and 37% are increasing their ambitions according to PwC because they know that climate solutions are good for business The first quarter of 2025 was the second strongest ever for US clean energy representing 10 billion dollars in domestic investments Across the globe investments in clean tech are slated to reach 2 point 2 trillion dollars this year twice the amount for coal gas and oil To stay competitive meet rising energy demand stop utility bills from soaring and tackle aging infrastructure we need more clean energy battery storage and energy efficiency not less **These technologies are cheaper to build and operate than fossil fuels** Ninety three percent of new electric generating capacity this year is projected to come from solar wind and batteries according to The Trump own energy department Facts are facts No matter how much the administration tries to prop up the fossil fuel industry US states cities communities businesses and institutions know that the world is not as Trump defines it Clean energy is and must be our future *

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6 A coal fired plant in Michigan was to close But Trump forced it to keep running A town had big plans for the facility site until the Trump administration ordered it to stay open a move it extended this week

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The Guardian August 21 2025 Donald Trump has made several unusual moves to elongate the era of coal such as giving the industry exemptions from pollution rules But the gambit to keep one Michigan coal fired power station running has been extraordinary by forcing it to remain open even against the wishes of its operator The hulking JH Campbell power plant which since 1962 has sat a few hundred yards from the sand dunes at the edge of Lake Michigan was just eight days away from a long planned closure in May when The Trump Department of Energy issued an emergency order that it remain open for a further 90 days On Wednesday the administration intervened again to extend this order even further prolonging the lifetime of the coal plant another 90 days meaning it will keep running until November – six months after it was due to close The move taken under emergency powers more normally used during wartime or in the wake of disaster has stunned local residents and the operator of the plant Consumers Energy My family had a countdown for it closing we could not wait said Mark Oppenhuizen who has lived in the shadow of the plant for 30 years and suspects its pollution worsened the lung disease of his wife I was flabbergasted when the administration said they had stopped it shutting down he said Why are they inserting themselves into a decision a company has made? Just because you do not like it politically? It is all so dumb The 23 May order and the latest edict by the US energy secretary Chris Wright both warn that the regional grid would be strained by the closure of JH Campbell with local homes and businesses at risk of curtailments or outages presenting a risk to public health and safety without it But Miso the grid operator for Michigan and 14 other states has stressed it has had adequate resources to meet peak demand this summer without JH Campbell and Consumers Energy had already set about making plans for life after its last remaining coal plant //What is remarkable is that this is the first time the energy secretary has used these powers without being asked to do so by the market operator or power plant operator said Timothy Fox an energy analyst at Clear View It shows the Trump administration is prepared to take muscular actions to keep its preferred power sources online The battle over the future of the coal plant has taken place to a backdrop of a scorching summer in Michigan one of its hottest on record with algal blooms sprouting in its lakes both symptoms of an unfolding climate crisis The talk in neighborhoods has been how hot it has been this summer said Stephen Wooden a Democratic state lawmaker who added that Michigan residents are also pissed off about increasing power bills We are seeing the impacts of climate change daily it is impacting our state Wooden said And this is being caused by the continuation of outdated expensive fossil fuels that Donald Trump wants to prop up

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wind energy project capable of generating more power than it needed A Major Economic Shift The wind project brought significant economic benefits to the county including millions in annual tax revenues creation of dozens of jobs and consistent lease payments to farmers Lasting Impact Economic Resilience The wind power has provided a stable income for agricultural communities vulnerable to devastating floods and storms helping to change the local economy A Model for the Future The wind energy success story of Rock Port serves as an example of what the energy transition can look like at a local level demonstrating the power of community and determination Air Pollution How Native Homes in New Mexico Are Tapping the Sun The New York Times Air Pollution and Energy How West Virginia is Pulling Pollution and Rare Earths Out of Its Streams The New York Times Air Pollution Ohio In Ohio a Solar Co Op Helps Families Go Solar for Less The New York Times Air Pollution Trump Starts Investigation That Could Lead to Tariffs on Wind Turbines The New York Times Air Pollution Nevada Is All In on Solar Power The New York Times Artificial Intelligence Madison Avenue Is Starting to Love AI The New York Times Business Investors Expect the Nvidia Earnings to Move the S and P More Than the Speech of Powell The New York Times Business The Nvidia Jensen Huang in Talks With China to Allay Security Fears Over AI Chips The New York Times Business Walmart Sees Sales momentum Despite Tariffs The New York Times Business Paint Pottery and Profitable Leases Experiential Retail That Works The New York Times California Air Pollution Pickett Fire Forces Evacuations in Napa County The New York Times California Gavin The Newsom Redistricting Ballot Fight Raises 6 point 2 Million Dollars Online The New York Times California Newsom Signs California Redistricting Plan to Counter Texas Republicans The New York Times Climate Change The Unseen Health Dangers of Floodwaters The New York Times Economy How Trump Is Shaking Trust in the Economy and Judge Orders Alligator Alcatraz Shut Down The New York Times Economy How Long Can This Uncanny Stock Market Prosper The New York Times Economy Opinion Trump Is a Master at Creating Uncertainty 3 Experts Try to Make Sense of the Economy The New York Times Energy Source Brazil US Talks on Mining Rare Earth Minerals Are Complicated by The Trump Tariffs The New York Times Games How Monopoly and The Sims Reflect the Housing Market The New York Times Fed and Trump Jerome Powell Suggests Fed Will Soon Cut Interest Rates in Jackson Hole Speech The New York Times Fed and Trump Behind the Powell Big Gamble in Final Jackson Hole Speech The New York Times Fed and Trump Taking on the Fed Trump Combines Retribution Tactics With a Power Play The New York Times Fed and Trump Threatens to Fire Fed Governor Lisa Cook If She Does Not Resign The New York Times Fed and Trump Attacks on the Fed and BLS Threaten Key Source of Economic Strength The New York Times Games The Billion Dollar Game Built in a Dorm Room The New York Times Massachusetts Democrats Is Massachusetts a Gerrymandered State The New York Times Media Howard Stern Helped Make SiriusXM Billions Can Podcasts Do the Same The New York Times Media These Comics Got Caught Up in Politics Now They are Getting Personal The New York Times Medicine and Science Trump Budget Office Is Withholding H I V Funds That Congress Appropriated The New York Times Medicine and Science Supreme Court Lets Trump Administration Cut N I H Grants for Disfavored Research The New York Times Minnesota Democratic Party Revokes Endorsement of Mayoral Candidate The New York Times Nature Why Does It Seem Like Jellyfish Are All Over the East Coast The New York Times RFK Junior Flying Blind Trump Strips Government of Expertise at a High Stakes Moment The New York Times RFK Junior As Trump Weighs I V F Republicans Back New Natural Approach to Infertility The New York Times RFK Junior Opinion MAHA Is a Bad Answer to a Good Question The

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