



FDA shouldn't decide what's 'good enough' on COVID booster, says doctor

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WASHINGTON (SBG) - A Food and Drug Administration panel is set to meet Friday to discuss whether or not to recommend a third Pfizer booster shot.

"Pfizer delivered to the FDA their studies showing that a month after boosters are given, antibody levels return to the normal level right after initial vaccination," said Dr. Jeffrey Singer to The National Desk's Jan Jeffcoat. "There are also other data the FDA has that suggests that immunity that effect of this of the vaccines remain and that boosters don't make a difference."

Dr. Singer says the FDA will look at all available data before coming to a consensus.

"Some people believe that the immunity, even if it's waned, it's good enough because it protects vaccinated people against severe enough disease to go into the hospital," said Dr. Singer. "Other people say they think that rather than waste boosters where they're not needed on young healthy people, these could go to other countries where they need vaccines and haven't gotten vaccinated."

And still others, according to Dr. Singer, think we have enough vaccines to do both - administering booster shots while aiding other countries.

"I think that it really shouldn't be up to the FDA to decide what's 'good enough.' I think individuals in consultation with their doctor should decide what's 'good enough,'" said Dr. Singer. "I think they should just say, does it work? Is it effective? And then leave it up to people in consultation with their doctors."

Dr. Singer believes that when it comes to vaccines, “when you have all of the decision-making centralized in one government monopoly agency then it's inevitable you're going to have politics.”

“The Director and Deputy Director, 30-year people working at the FDA, resigned because they feel they were being pressured by the White House to prove boosters for everyone, and not just the immunocompromised people,” said Dr. Singer.