



## Could you be in need of a COVID vaccine booster as early as September?

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WASHINGTON (SBG) - As the masks come off, could you be in need of a booster shot? Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said earlier this week that those who got their second shot eight months ago may need a booster shot as early as September. But what does the data say?

“The data that we are all seeing is real-world data coming in from the CDC, from Israel, from the U.K. and other countries, and so far, all the evidence is that the vaccines are incredibly effective.

They not only dramatically reduce anyone's chance of catching COVID but also the chance of spreading it,” said Dr. Jeffrey Singer to The National Desk’s Jan Jeffcoat. “Also there’s data showing that people who are naturally immune from having previous effects, it seems like their immunity is holding up.”

Dr. Singer says that eventually, booster shots may be needed.

“I don’t know where he’s coming up with the eight months scenario,” said Dr. Singer. “If he sees something that we're not seeing, he should let us know about it.”

According to Dr. Singer, current data shows roughly only .04% of vaccinated people will get COVID.

“What they do is they take one large group of people and they vaccinate them, and they take an equally large group of people they give me placebo, and then they see who gets COVID, and 95% effective means that the people in the vaccinated group are 95% less likely to get COVID

than the people in the unvaccinated group,” said Dr. Singer. “95% effective is actually pretty amazing. And that's what we're seeing right now.”

But how will Bourla’s comments regarding booster shots affect vaccine hesitancy?

“Those people who are very skeptical are basically getting a message that it may not even work for more than a few months and why should I bother so that's not helpful,” said Dr. Singer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently updated guidelines on masking for vaccinated people - an announcement Dr. Singer says was “long overdue.”

“The science has been pretty clear for quite some time now,” said Dr. Singer. “Not only are the vaccines incredibly effective and reduce transmission, but you add to that the people who are naturally immune. We've known for probably close to a year now that it's very hard to get or transmit the virus outdoors, whether you're vaccinated or not.”