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Chief Medical Advisor to the President Dr. Anthony Fauci said on Tuesday's "This"

Week" episode that Americans, particularly those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccines, should start getting COVID-19 booster shots.

The Food and Drug Administration advisory panel unanimously recommended booster doses for the J&J vaccine this week, but there have been questions about the effectiveness of the company's booster shots.

Fauci confirmed that given recent data gathered by the FDA, the J&J shot should have been a two-dose vaccine, particularly worrisome for the 15 million people who got the injection.

Despite confusion over the effectiveness of the J&J vaccine, Fauci assuaged concerns, saying that people 18 and older who originally received the J&J vaccine should receive a second dose with none of the restrictions other booster shots carry.

Boosters for recipients of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines, for example, are limited to the following groups are eligible to receive boosters: 65 and older; 18 and up who live in long-term care settings; 18 and up who have underlying health conditions; 18 and up who work or live in high-risk settings, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Fauci, though, was asked about recent studies that indicate mixing-and-matching — the process of getting a different booster shot from your initial dose — a Moderna or Pfizer booster with J&J gives people higher immunity levels.

"If you boost people who have originally received J&J with either Moderna or Pfizer," he said, "the level of antibodies that you induce in them is much higher than if you boost them with the original J&J."



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IT was Sunday's show???



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"This Week" isn't the full name of the show and it doesn't need to be in the lead.



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