

The FDA may authorize more booster shots and is assessing a pill to treat COVID-19

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The Food and Drug Administration has released the evidence that Moderna and Johnson & Johnson tried to win authorization for boosters the agency weighs Merck's request for a drug to treat COVID-19.

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This is a big week for possible new weapons against the delta variant. Food and Drug Administration advisers will consider whether the agency should authorize more vaccine boosters. And the FDA has started evaluating the first pill to treat COVID-19.

Joining us now to talk about all this is NPR health correspondent Rob Stein. Hi, Rob.