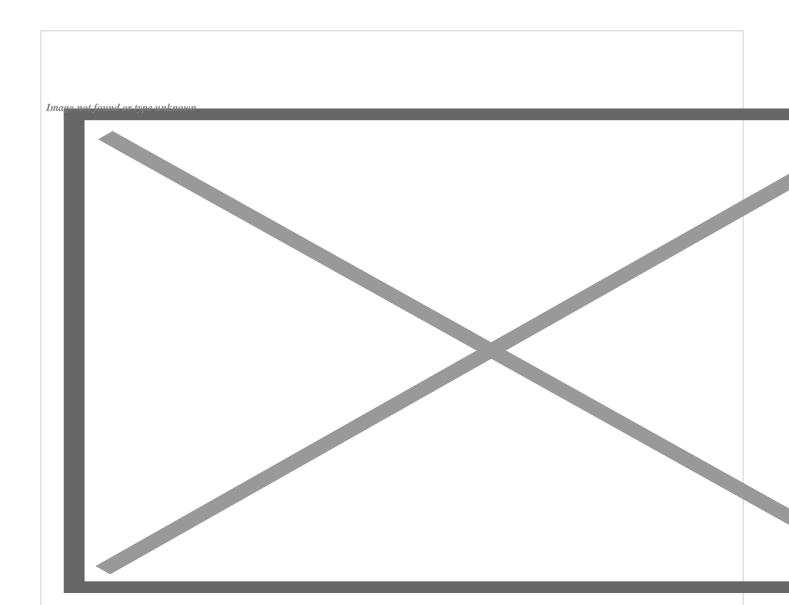
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Meanwhile, scientists at the Food and Drug Administration have expressed skepticism over a push by the White House to authorize third "booster" doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. An assessment by FDA staff released Wednesday found that vaccines currently in use in the U.S. still afford protection against severe disease and death.

The World Health Organization has called for a global moratorium on booster shots through the end of the year, as many low-income nations have been unable to acquire vaccines for more than a tiny fraction of their populations.

At the same time, the Biden administration will make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for all new immigrants to the United States, beginning on October 1st. The U.S. already requires immigrants to be vaccinated against hepatitis, measles, mumps, polio and rubella.

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