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MILITARY GRADE Was the anthrax vaccine FDA approved?

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THE anthrax vaccine was mandated by for American troops in the 1990s when it was not fully approved by the federal FDA.

Similarly, [President Joe Biden](#) is now seeking to make the [Covid-19](#) vaccine mandatory for US military servicemen.

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Was the anthrax vaccine FDA approved?

The only anthrax vaccine that's approved by the FDA is the Biothrax vaccine, according to [Healthline](#).

The anthrax vaccine is also referred to as AVA, made up of a bacterial culture that's been filtered. The vaccine doesn't actually contain any bacterial cells.

AVA stimulates your immune system to produce antibodies against protective antigen protein, one of the three components of anthrax toxin which the bacterium releases during infection.

These antibodies can then help to neutralize anthrax toxins should you contract the disease.



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US Navy Corpsman Thomas Williams fills a syringe with the Anthrax vaccine before dispensing it to a Camp Lejeune, North Carolina Marine on January 24, 2003 Credit: Reuters

When used as a preventive measure, Biothrax is a five-



Those eligible for the anthrax vaccine are those likely to come into contact with the anthrax bacteria.

This includes people ages 18-65 who fall within this category:

- laboratory workers that work with the anthrax bacteria

- people who work with animals or animal products that are infected, such as veterinary staff

- certain U.S. military personnel (as determined by the Department of Defense)

- unvaccinated people who've been exposed to the anthrax bacteria

People with a weakened immune system due to [autoimmune conditions](#), [HIV](#), or medications such as [cancer](#) treatments, pregnant women, and those who have had serious life-threatening reactions in the past to the anthrax vaccine should not get it.

What are the signs you have the Delta variant?

According to Louisiana State Health Officer Joe Kanter, although the Delta variant still shows up with classic Covid symptoms like coughing, shortness of breath, and fever, other symptoms could be mistaken for a common cold or even just allergies.

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Kanter said: “You can present with relatively mild symptoms that you can easily confuse for allergies or something that you picked up from your kid who is in daycare, all of those things.

“If you have any symptoms, no matter how mild, even if it is a sore throat, even if it is a runny nose, even if it is sinus congestion, go get yourself tested and limit your contact with other people until you do so.”

A study of Covid symptoms [by ZOE](#) also found that sneezing is a common sign of the Delta variant.

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The researchers wrote: "Our data shows that people who had been vaccinated and then tested positive for Covid-19 were more likely to report sneezing as a symptom compared with those without a jab."

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The Delta variant, which was first detected in

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