

Russia registers virus vaccine, Putin's daughter given it

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Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a cabinet meeting at the Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020. Putin says that a coronavirus vaccine developed in the country has been registered for use and one of his daughters has already been inoculated. Speaking at a government meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, Putin said that the vaccine has proven efficient during tests, offering a lasting immunity from the coronavirus. (Alexei Nikolsky, Sputnik, Kremlin Pool Photo via AP)

Russia on Tuesday became the first country to officially register a coronavirus vaccine and declare it ready for use, despite international skepticism. President Vladimir Putin said that one of his daughters has already been inoculated.

Putin emphasized that the [vaccine](#) underwent the necessary tests and has proven efficient, offering a lasting immunity from the [coronavirus](#). However, scientists at home and abroad have been sounding the alarm that the rush to start using the vaccine before Phase 3 trials—which normally last for months and involve thousands of people—could backfire.

Speaking at a government meeting Tuesday, Putin emphasized that the vaccine has undergone proper testing and proven safe to use.

"I would like to repeat that it has passed all the necessary tests," he said. "The most important thing is to ensure full safety of using the vaccine and its efficiency."

The Russian leader added that one of his two daughters has received two shots of the vaccine and is feeling well. "She has taken part in the experiment," Putin said.

Putin said that his daughter had a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius (100.4 Fahrenheit) on the day of the first vaccine injection, and then it dropped to just over 37 degrees (98.6 Fahrenheit) on the following day. After the second shot she again had a slight increase in temperature, but then it was all over.

"She's feeling well and has high number of antibodies," Putin added. He didn't specify which of his two daughters—Maria or Katerina—received

the vaccine.

Russian authorities have said that [medical workers](#), teachers and other risk groups will be the first to be inoculated.

Putin emphasized that the vaccination will be voluntary.

Russian officials have said that large-scale production of the vaccine will start in September, and mass vaccination may begin as early as October.

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