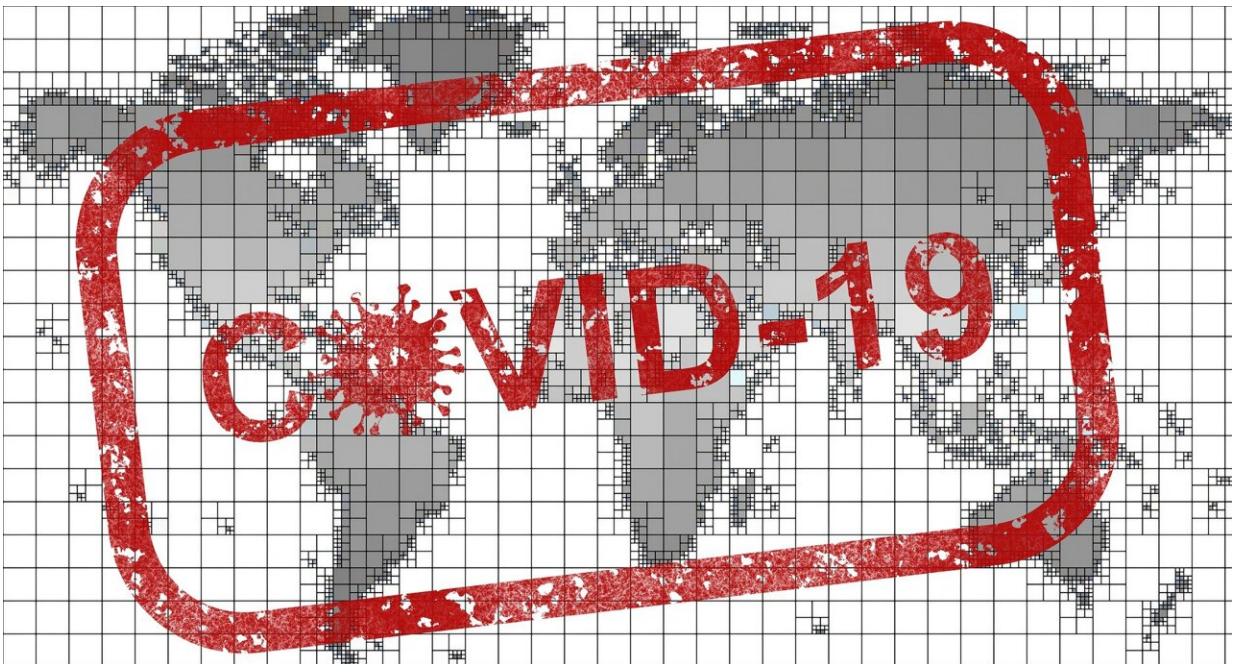


# EU watchdog reviews Moderna jab for Omicron

June 17 2022

---



Credit: Pixabay/CC0 Public Domain

The EU's medicines watchdog said Friday it has started to review a version of Moderna's COVID vaccine that has been adapted for the Omicron variant.

It is the second modified jab that the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has begun studying for approval after Pfizer/BioNTech's earlier

this week.

The adapted Moderna jab "will target two strains of SARS-CoV-2, in this case the original strain and the Omicron variant of concern," the EMA said in a statement.

The so-called rolling [review](#) will continue until there are enough data for a formal application to market the Moderna jab, which is known in Europe as Spikevax, within the 27-nation bloc, the EMA said.

Fears are mounting that coronavirus variants are making a comeback, with infection levels in Britain and the Netherlands rising recently.

Pfizer/BioNTech said earlier this week that their adapted jab would target "Omicron and its subvariants."

© 2022 AFP

Citation: EU watchdog reviews Moderna jab for Omicron (2022, June 17) retrieved 5 May 2024 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-06-eu-watchdog-moderna-jab-omicron.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.