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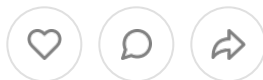
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A consequential meeting took place at the FDA today. Their external scientific committee—called [VRBPAC](#)—met to discuss the national plan for COVID-19 boosters going forward. They essentially needed to answer one question: *Do we simplify the COVID-19 vaccine approach in the U.S. and, if so, how?*

Here are your cliff notes.

## The challenge

No one has a crystal ball for SARS-CoV-2's future, but it will be with us for a long time. So we need to figure out how to mount a proactive, sustainable approach given the rapidly changing landscape.

Some things are helping us right now: