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FDA likely to authorize emergency use for coronavirus vaccine by Saturday morning, CDC doctor says

(CNN – 7:43 PM) Before people outside of clinical trials can get the first US [coronavirus](#) vaccine, two government agencies need to give the go ahead -- and it looks like one will do that in the coming hours.

Key players in the vaccine decision process have been told to expect the US Food and Drug Administration to issue an emergency use authorization for Pfizer/BioNTech's vaccine by Saturday, according to a federal government source close to the situation.

The EUA would allow shipping to begin, but shots still can't be administered until the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meets and recommends the vaccine.

Dr. Amanda Cohn of the ACIP said that she expects the FDA to issue the emergency use authorization by 10 a.m. Saturday

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/11/health/us-coronavirus-friday/index.html>

No cases of allergic reactions recorded during Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine trial - company executive

(Reuters) - There were no cases of severe allergic reactions to Pfizer Inc and partner BioNTech SE's COVID-19 vaccine candidate during clinical trials, a Pfizer executive said at a regulatory conference on Friday.

A late-stage trial testing the potential vaccine excluded participants who had a prior history of severe allergic reactions to any vaccine or to the constituents of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, said Dr. William Gruber, Pfizer's senior vice president of vaccine clinical research and development.

"We've not had any anaphylactic episodes related to the vaccine," Gruber said during a panel meeting of independent advisers to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Full story: <https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-vaccines-cdc-idUSL4N2IR3L4>

Three snow leopards at Louisville Zoo test positive for coronavirus, making it the sixth confirmed animal species

(CNN) Another big cat species [tested positive for coronavirus](#), this time a snow leopard. It's the sixth animal species confirmed to have been infected with the virus after human contact

Three snow leopards, two males and a female, tested positive for the virus at the Louisville Zoo, [the zoo](#) and the US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service confirmed Friday.

The female's infection was confirmed first. All three leopards, whose symptoms are "mild" and include wheezes and dry coughs, are expected to fully recover, Louisville Zoo director John Walczak [said in a filmed statement](#).

The leopards were likely infected by an asymptomatic staff member "despite precautions taken by the zoo," the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspect Service said. It's unlikely the leopards -- or other animals -- pose a significant risk in transmitting the virus to humans, as Covid-19 is primarily spread between people.

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/11/us/snow-leopard-positive-coronavirus-kentucky-zoo-trnd/index.html>

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