Updated shots will target dominant omicron subvariants and be available after Labor Day. The FDA says new boosters may be available starting this weekend, with more rolling out in pharmacies, doctors' offices and clinics after Labor Day. The emergency authorizations of the boosters—one by Moderna and the other by Pfizer and its German partner, BioNTech—mark the start of a high-stakes effort by the Biden administration to deploy a more muscular defense against a virus that has evolved drastically over the last 2½ years and is still killing an average of 400 to 500 people a day in the United States. The changes are the first since the mRNA vaccines debuted in December 2020. These updated boosters meet the FDA's rigorous standards and are expected to help restore immunity protection against COVID-19, FDA Commissioner Robert Califf said in a conference call with reporters. Still unclear is whether the American public, which has been slower to embrace boosters, will follow.