EU Strategy for COVID-19 vaccines

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• Commission communication of 17 June 2020

• Secure access to safe and efficient vaccines for EU Member States as soon as they become available

• On the basis of Advance Purchase Agreements (APAs): The Commission supports vaccine manufacturers to face upfront costs and has, in return, the right to purchase vaccines once available.

• Financial instrument: The Emergency Support Instrument (ESI)

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- **AstraZeneca**: 300 million doses
- **Sanofi-GSK**: 300 million doses
- **Johnson & Johnson**: 200 million doses
- **BioNTech-Pfizer**: 300 million doses in total (on 15 December, the Commission decided to purchase 100 million additional doses). Authorised.
- **CureVac**: 225 million doses
- **Moderna**: 160 million doses in total (on 15 December, the Commission decided to purchase 80 million additional doses). Authorised.
- Exploratory talks with **Novavax**
Preparedness for COVID-19 vaccination strategies and vaccine deployment

- Commission Communication of 15 October 2020

- **Key elements** to be taken into consideration by Member States for their COVID-19 vaccination strategies:
  - **capacity** of vaccination services
  - easy and affordable access
  - sufficient (cold-chain) **infrastructure**
  - clear **communication** on benefits, risks and importance of COVID-19 vaccines

Preparedness for COVID-19 vaccination strategies and vaccine deployment

Priority groups that could be considered by Member States:

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<th>PRIORITY GROUPS TO CONSIDER BY MEMBER STATES (in no particular order)</th>
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<td>Health care and long-term care facility workers</td>
<td>Essential workers with significantly elevated risk of being infected</td>
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<td>Carry out essential functions to combat the pandemic</td>
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<td>People above 60 years of age</td>
<td>Age-based elevated risk of severe disease or death</td>
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<td>In particular those living in high risk situations such as long-term care facilities</td>
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<td>Vulnerable population due to chronic diseases, co-morbidities and other underlying conditions</td>
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<td>Essential workers outside the health sector</td>
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<td>Communities unable to physically distance</td>
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<td>Workers unable to physically distance</td>
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<td>Vulnerable socioeconomic groups and other groups at higher risk</td>
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Unranked list

Member States decide
Overview of COVID-19 vaccination strategies and vaccine deployment plans

- Survey by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control among members of the Health Security Committee (HSC) and National Immunisation Technical Advisory Groups (NITAG)
- Provides a state of play of Member States vaccination plans
- Update expected.

Overview of COVID-19 vaccination strategies and vaccine deployment plans

- Many Member States plan to use existing vaccination services and current reserves of PPE

- Many plan to stockpile equipment via national or EU joint procurement procedures

- The majority plan to offer COVID-19 vaccination free of charge for citizens
Overview of COVID-19 vaccination strategies and vaccine deployment plans

- The majority have an **Immunization Information System** or other type of registry, and are updating it to process COVID-19 vaccination data.

- All reporting Member States are developing **communication plans**.

- All reporting Member States have defined or are in the process of identifying **priority groups** for COVID-19 vaccination.
  - Older persons, healthcare workers, workers of essential public services other than health, persons with chronic diseases and social care workers.
Thank you

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