



# COVID-19 Vaccine update

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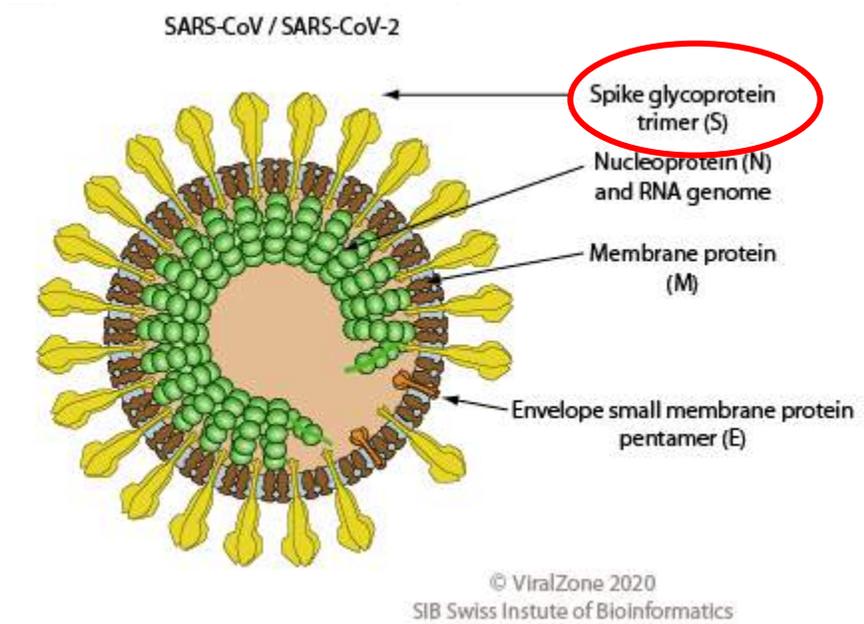
# SARS-CoV-2 and Approaches to Vaccine Development

- a. The pathogen and its global impact**
- b. Vaccine Platforms**
- c. mRNA Vaccines and Mechanism of Action**
- d. Clinical Trials**
- e. Regulatory requirements**
- f. Allocations, Distribution and Recommendations**
- g. Vaccine Confidence**



# SARS-CoV-2: General Characteristics

## Single-stranded RNA viruses



codes **four major structural proteins** (all are fully complete viral particle)

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... members of the Coronavirus family such as, **-CoV** (2012) are the causative agents of outbreaks.

# The COVID-19 global pandemic represents an unparalleled moment in the history of modern science

COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University



Source: Johns Hopkins University

*As October 26, 2020*

**43.399.252**

Confirmed Cases

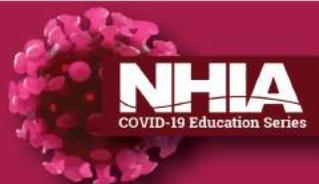
**1.157.802**

Deaths

**189**

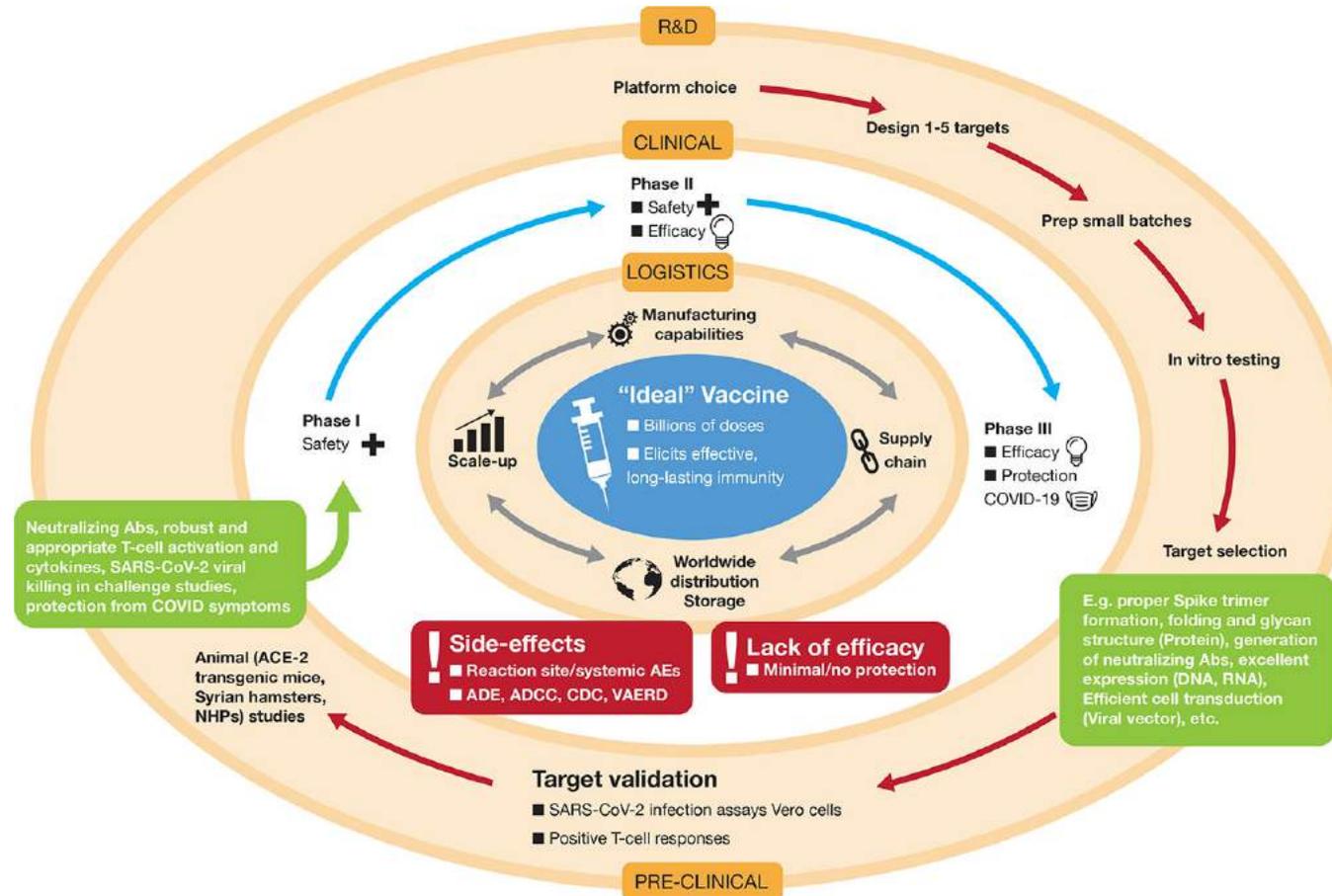
Countries

**Rapid development, manufacturing scale-up, and delivery of a vaccine is an essential part of the long-term solution for ending this pandemic**



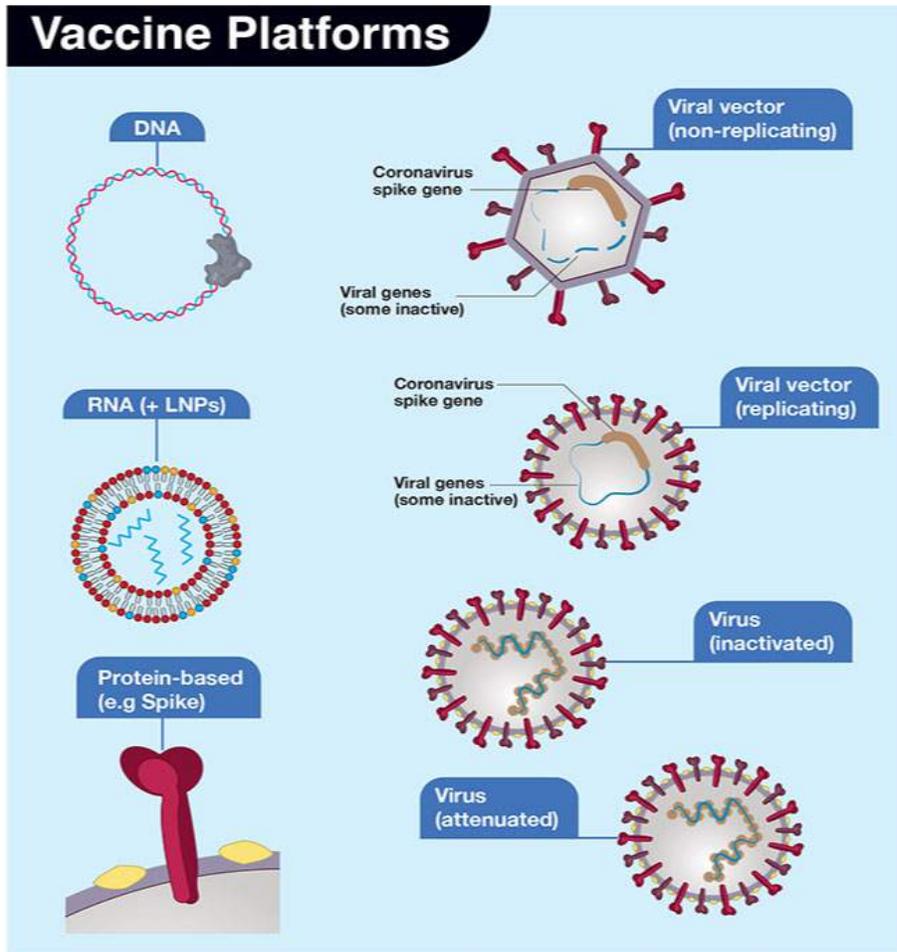
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# Roadmap to a COVID 19 Vaccine

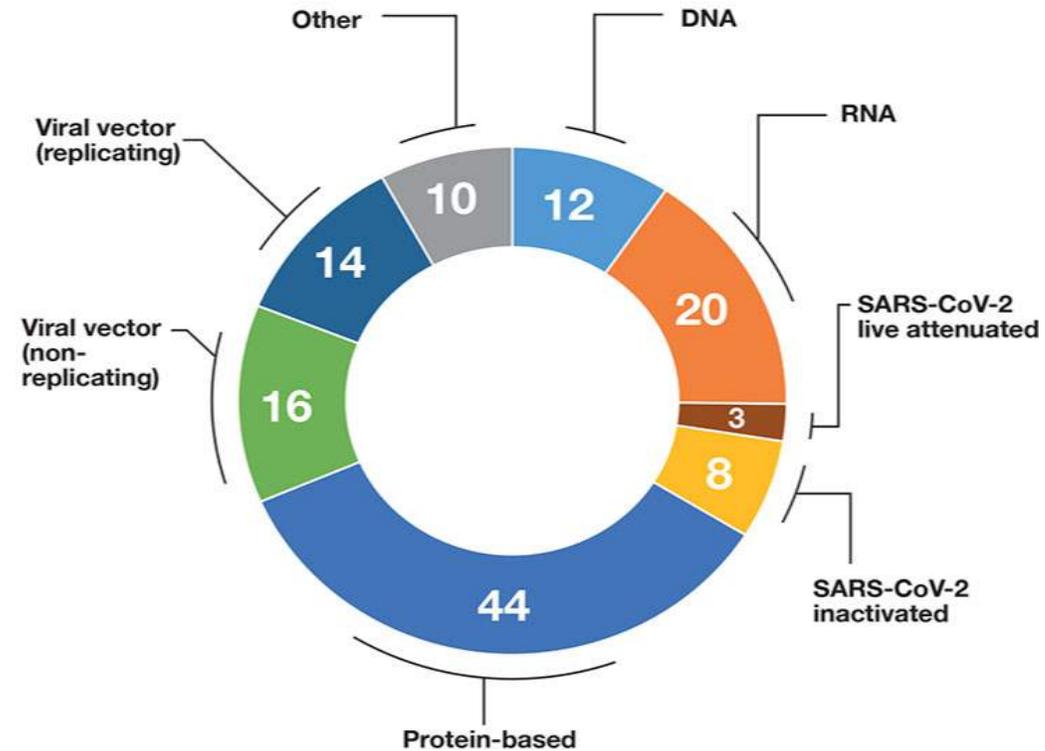


# Approaches to COVID-19 Vaccine Development

## A Vaccine Platforms



## B Vaccine Candidates



# U.S. Government / BARDA Vaccine Programs

  <p>ModernaTX, Inc.</p> <p>SARS-CoV-2 mRNA-1273 vaccine</p> <p><b>Phase 3</b></p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	  <p>Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</p> <p>AD26.COVS.2 - Viral Vector Vaccine for COVID-19</p> <p><b>Phase 3</b></p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	  <p>Sanofi Pasteur and GSK</p> <p>Recombinant SARS-CoV-2 Protein Antigen + AS03 Adjuvant</p> <p><b>Phase 1/2</b></p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p>
  <p>Pfizer Inc.</p> <p>BNT162, a prototype COVID-19 mRNA vaccine</p> <p><b>Phase 2/3</b></p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	  <p>Novavax Inc.</p> <p>NVX-CoV-2373 Vaccine for SARS-CoV-2</p> <p><b>Phase 1</b></p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	  <p>AstraZeneca</p> <p>AZD1222 (formerly ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine)</p> <p><b>Phase 3</b></p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p>

# Pfizer – BioNTech Collaboration

Initially partnered with BioNTech in 2018 to research and develop a vaccine for influenza and have now extended that partnership with the BNT162 program.

The vaccine candidates are based on BioNTech's proprietary mRNA vaccine platforms.

The collaboration leverages Pfizer's broad expertise in vaccine research and development, regulatory capabilities, and global manufacturing and distribution network.



# mRNA Vaccines: A novel approach with promising vaccine characteristics



mRNA vaccine technology uses the cell's own machinery to stimulate an innate immune response through T cells and neutralizing antibodies

**Safety:** RNA vaccines are non-infectious and pose no risk of insertional mutagenesis

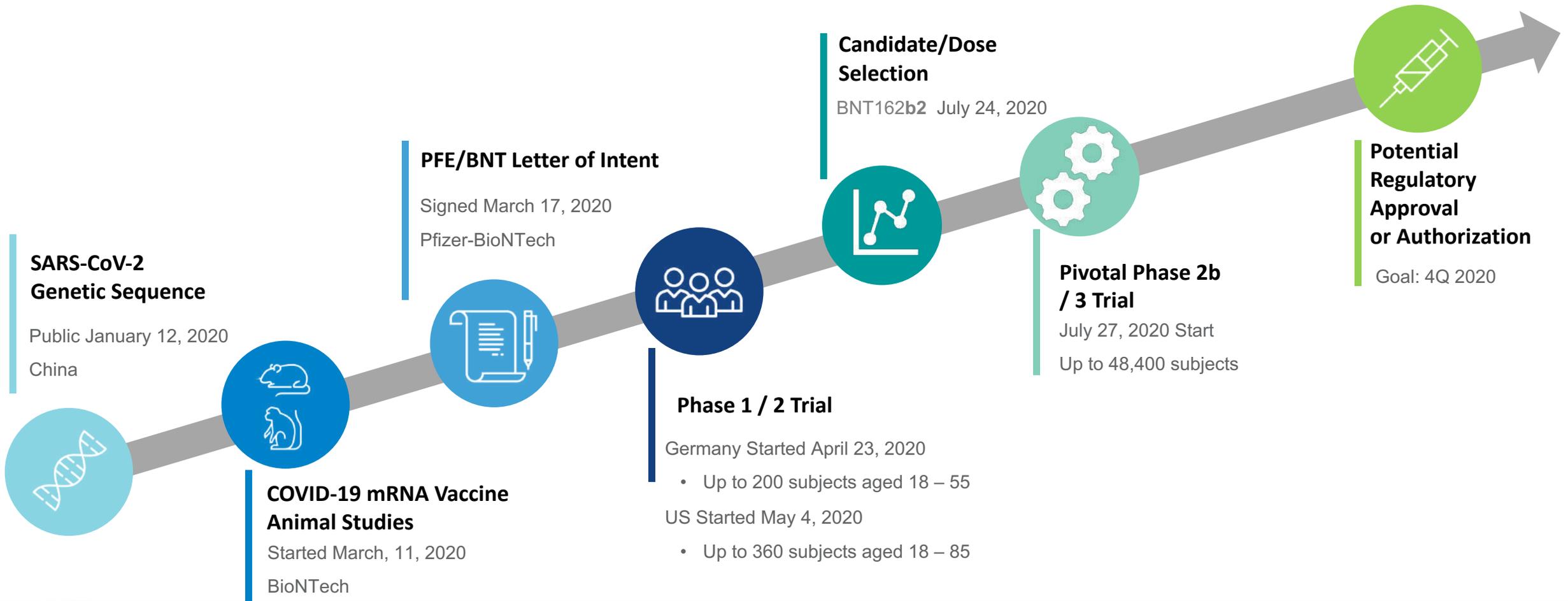
**Efficacy:** RNA vaccines pose minimal risk of anti-vector immunity which permits potent boosting of immune responses.. It may contribute to strong antibody responses, as well as expansion of multifunctional CD8 and T<sub>H</sub>1-type CD4 T cells.

**Speed:** BioNTech's mRNA vaccine technology is designed to enable rapid development and quick production scaling

1. Holtkamp S, et al. Modification of antigen-encoding RNA increases stability, translational efficacy, and T-cell stimulatory capacity of dendritic cells. *Blood* 2006; 108 (13): 4009–4017.

2. Orlandini von Niessen A, et al. Improving mRNA-based therapeutic gene delivery by expression-augmenting 3' UTRs identified by cellular library screening. *Molecular Therapy* 2019; 27 (4): 824-836.

# Responding to the current global health crisis with a potential COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine



Note: All future dates represented in graphic reflect anticipated timelines and are subject to clinical, technical, and regulatory success

# Phase 3 Efficacy Trial: 42,113 Participants are Currently Enrolled Across More Than 150 Sites in 6 Countries

## Primary Efficacy Objectives

## Endpoints

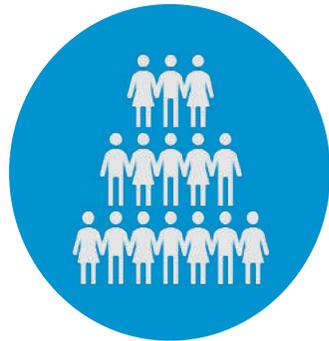
Efficacy against confirmed COVID-19 in participants without evidence of infection before vaccination

COVID-19 incidence based on confirmed NAAT in participants with no serological or virological evidence of past SARS-CoV-2 infection

Efficacy against confirmed COVID-19 in participants with and without evidence of infection before vaccination

COVID-19 incidence based on confirmed NAAT

## Enrollment On Track



**42,113** participants enrolled and **35,771** participants have received their **second vaccination**

## Clinical Sites Across The Globe



US



Brazil



Argentina



South Africa



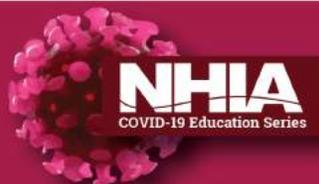
Germany



Turkey

## Diverse Study Population

	%US	%Global
Black or African American	10%	10%
Hispanic	13%	27%
Native American/Alaska Native	0.9%	0.6%
Asian	6%	5%
<b>Total Diverse Enrollment</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Enrollment Age 56-85	<b>47%</b>	<b>42%</b>



Data as of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

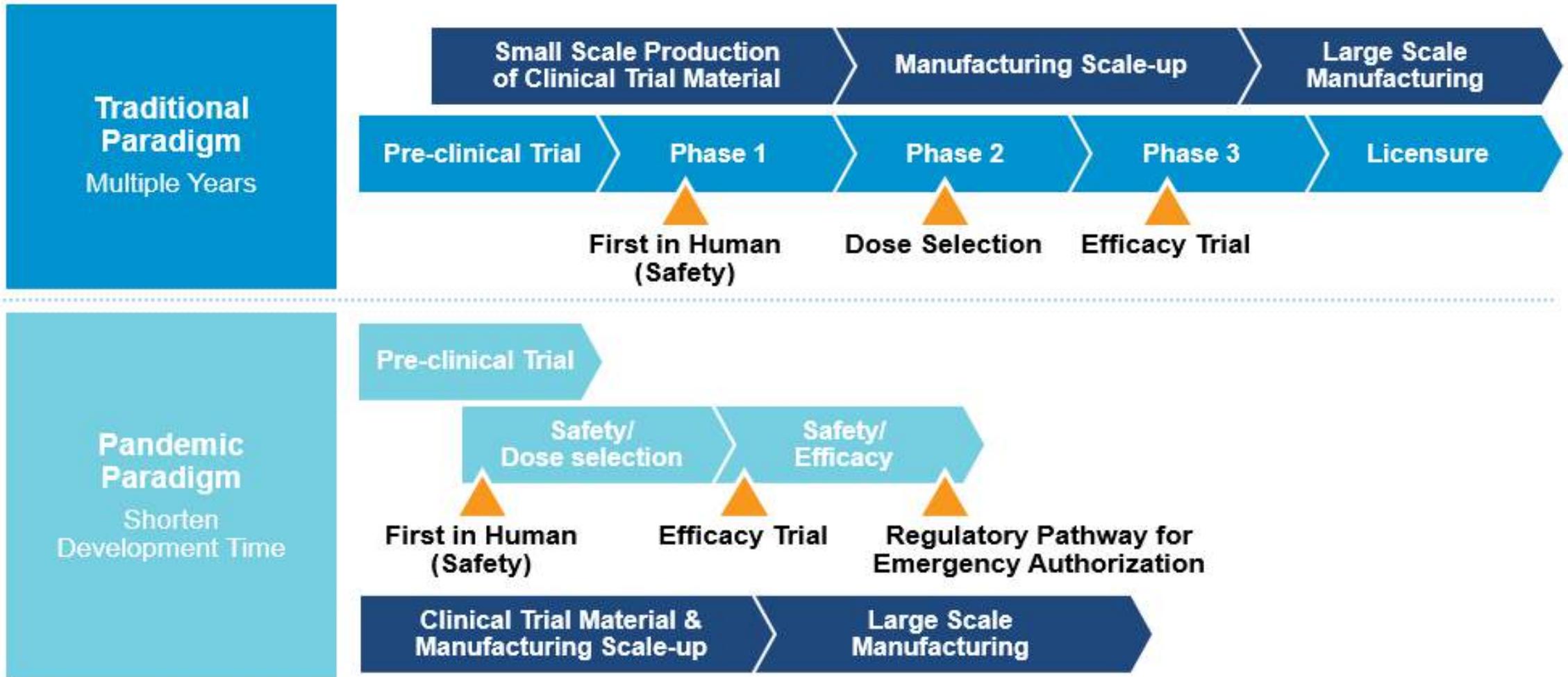
NAAT: Nucleic acid amplification tests

# Pfizer & BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Program

- *Entered into supply agreement with U.S. government for 100 million doses, with option to supply additional 500 million doses, subject to regulatory approval*
- *Supply agreements executed with UK, Japan & Canada, subject to regulatory approval*
- *U.S. government announced it will supply COVID-19 vaccines for free and are developing distribution plans to provide vaccines to individuals according to prioritized allocations, including critical infrastructure workers*



# Vaccine Development Timelines



Adapted from Lurie N. et al. *NEJM*. 2020 May 21;382(21):1969-1973

# FDA plays a critical role in the current situation

## Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19 Guidance for Industry

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research  
June 2020

Contains Nonbinding Recommendations

## Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19 Guidance for Industry

October 2020

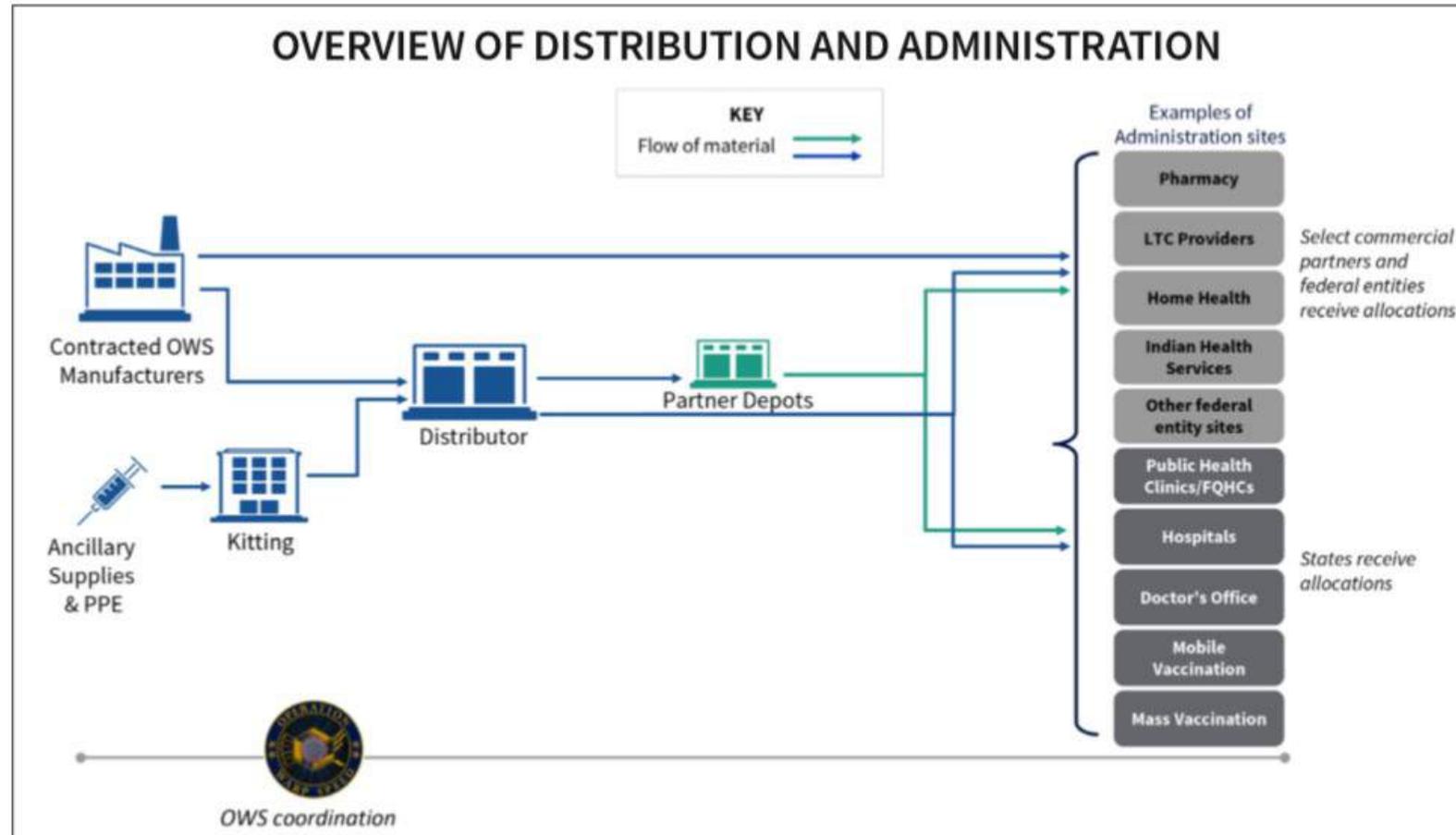
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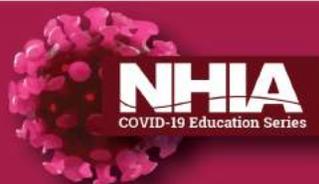
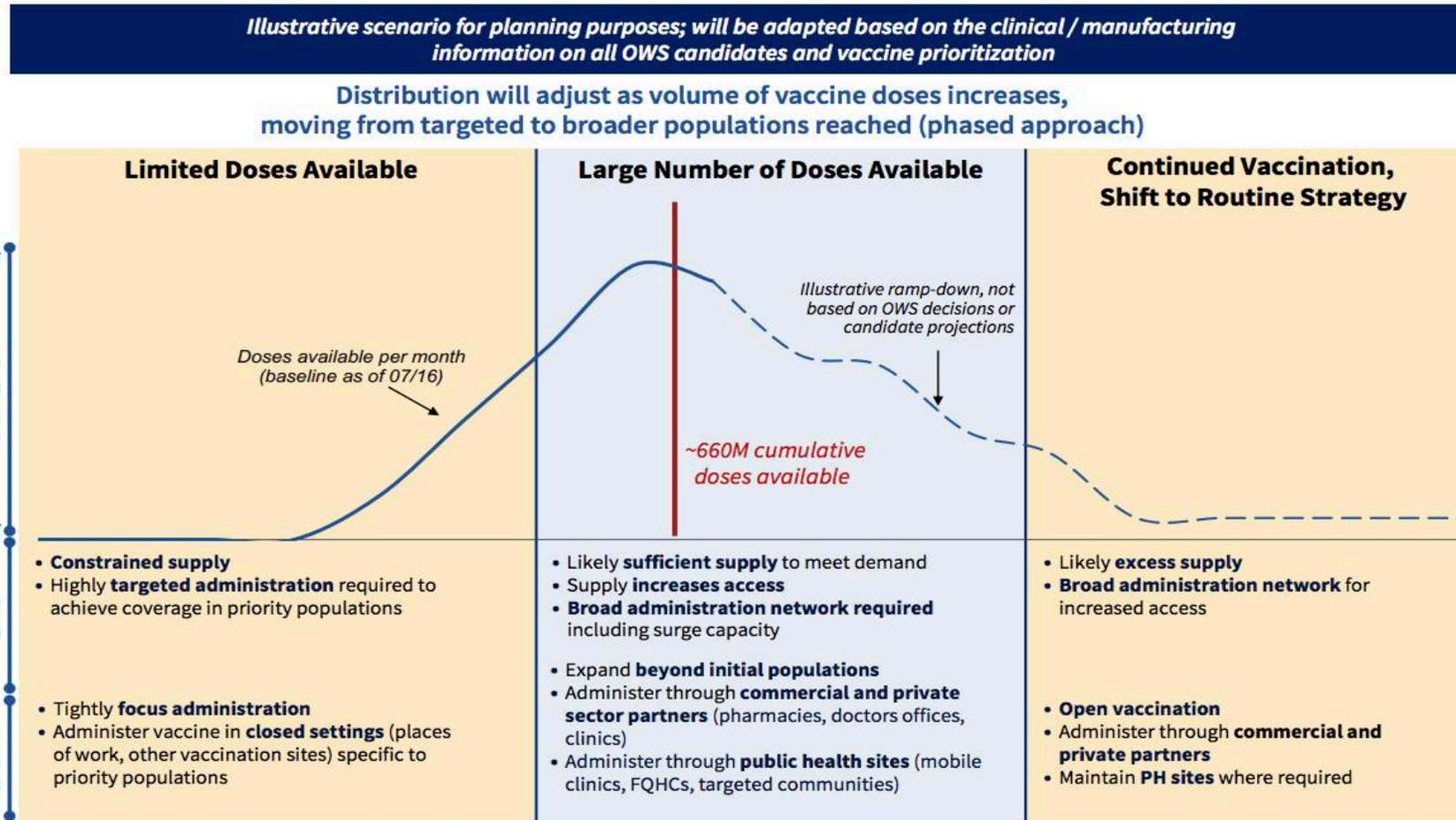
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# USG is developing vaccine distribution in coordination with the States through direct and centralized models



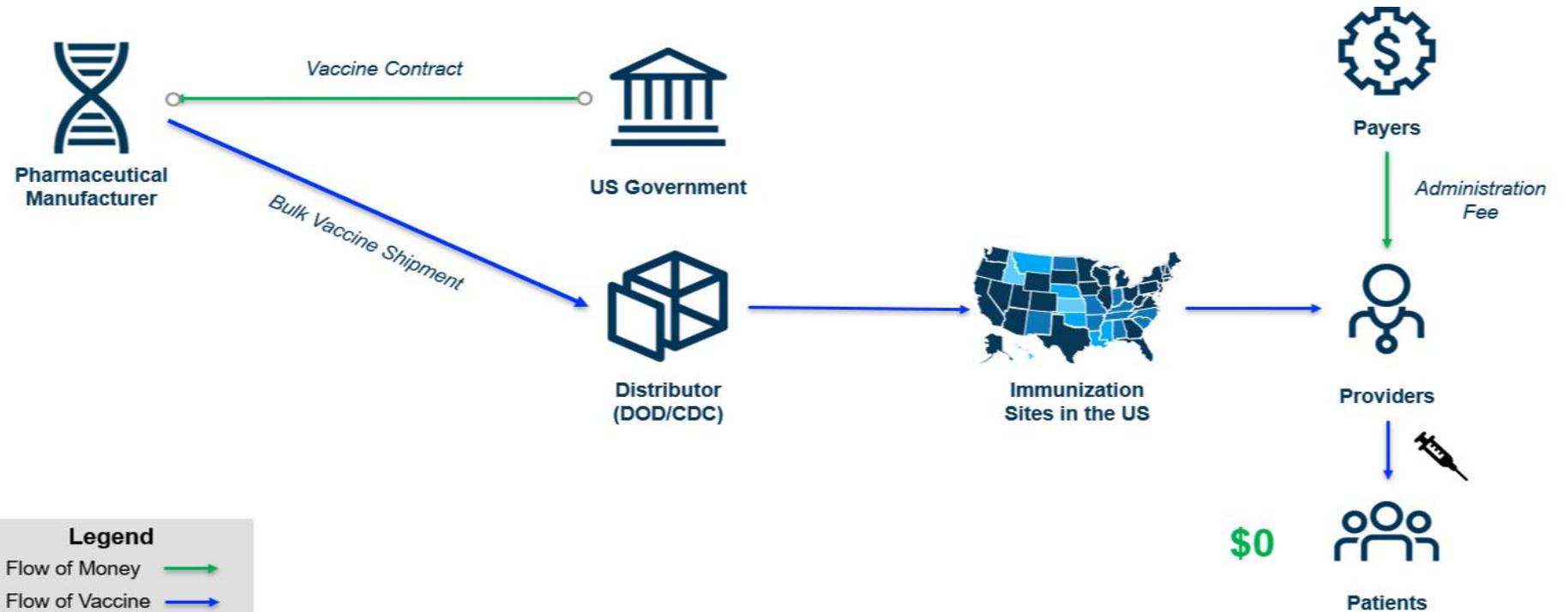
# U.S. Government COVID-19 vaccine supply overview



# COVID-19 Vaccines Anticipated Coverage & Cost

- During the pandemic, the U.S. government announced it will purchase and distribute COVID-19 vaccines

- Vaccines will be free of charge and providers – physicians, pharmacists, nurses – will be paid a fee for each vaccine administered (U.S. government is reviewing potential cost to patients for administration fees)
- The U.S. Government is actively planning vaccine allocation & distribution for pandemic doses:



**NOTE:** The above is based on US government announcements thus far and remains subject to change based on future government decisions, product development, regulatory and manufacturing assumptions and timelines



Source: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/strategy-for-distributing-covid-19-vaccine.pdf>

# Principles for Prioritization, Allocation and Recommendation

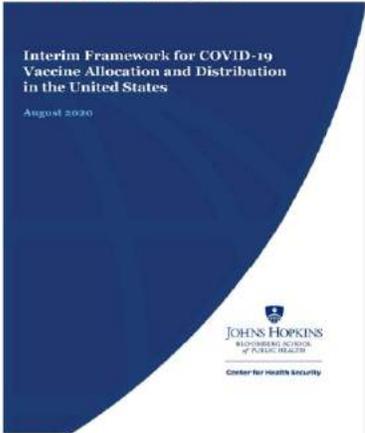
## WHO SAGE: Values Framework for the Allocation and Prioritization of COVID-19 Vaccination

- Both national and global considerations
- Six core values principles
  - Human well-being
  - Equal respect
  - Global equity
  - Reciprocity
  - Legitimacy
  - National equity



## Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health: Interim Framework for COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation and Distribution in the United States

- Purpose
  - Identify candidate groups for serious consideration as priority groups
  - Demonstrate how ethical principles and objectives can be integrated to produce an ethically defensible list of candidate groups
- Authors note importance of:
  - Transparency and a fair process
  - Equity, including access to healthcare
  - Community outreach and engagement



## National Academies of Medicine Discussion Draft of the Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine

- Purpose
  - Develop an overarching framework for vaccine allocation to assist policy makers in domestic and global health communities in planning for equitable allocation of vaccines against SARS-CoV-2
  - Expectation that framework will inform decisions by health authorities, including the ACIP, as they create and implement national/local guidelines for vaccine allocation
- Asked to consider
  - Criteria for setting priorities for equitable allocation
  - How to apply criteria to determine 1<sup>st</sup> tier of recipients



<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/334299/WHO-2019-nCoV-SAGE-Framework-Allocation-and-prioritization-2020.1-eng.pdf>  
<https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/our-work/publications/interim-framework-for-covid-19-vaccine-allocation-and-distribution-in-the-us>  
<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25914/discussion-draft-of-the-preliminary-framework-for-equitable-allocation-of-covid-19-vaccine>

# ACIP ethical principles proposed

- Maximize benefits and minimize harms:
  - Minimize death and serious disease
  - Addresses our obligation to promote public health and promote the common good
  - Balanced with our obligation to respect and care for persons
  - Based on best available science
- Equity
  - Vaccine allocation reduces rather than increases health disparities
  - Ensure that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible
- Justice
  - Commitment to remove unfair, unjust, and avoidable barriers to good health and well-being that disproportionately affect the most disadvantaged populations
  - Interventions must intentionally ensure that groups, populations, and communities affected by a policy are being treated fairly
- Fairness
  - Commitment to fair stewardship in the distribution of a scarce resource
    - Not exacerbate existing disparities in health outcomes
    - Equal opportunity to access vaccine to those within the agreed groups of early recipients
    - Consistency in implementation

TRANSPARENCY and  
EVIDENCE BASED



# ACIP ongoing discussions

## Possible groups for Phase 1 vaccination

### August ACIP meeting

#### Phase 1a:

-HCP

#### Phase 1b:

-Essential Workers

-High Risk Med Conditions

-Adults  $\geq$  65 years old

### September ACIP meeting

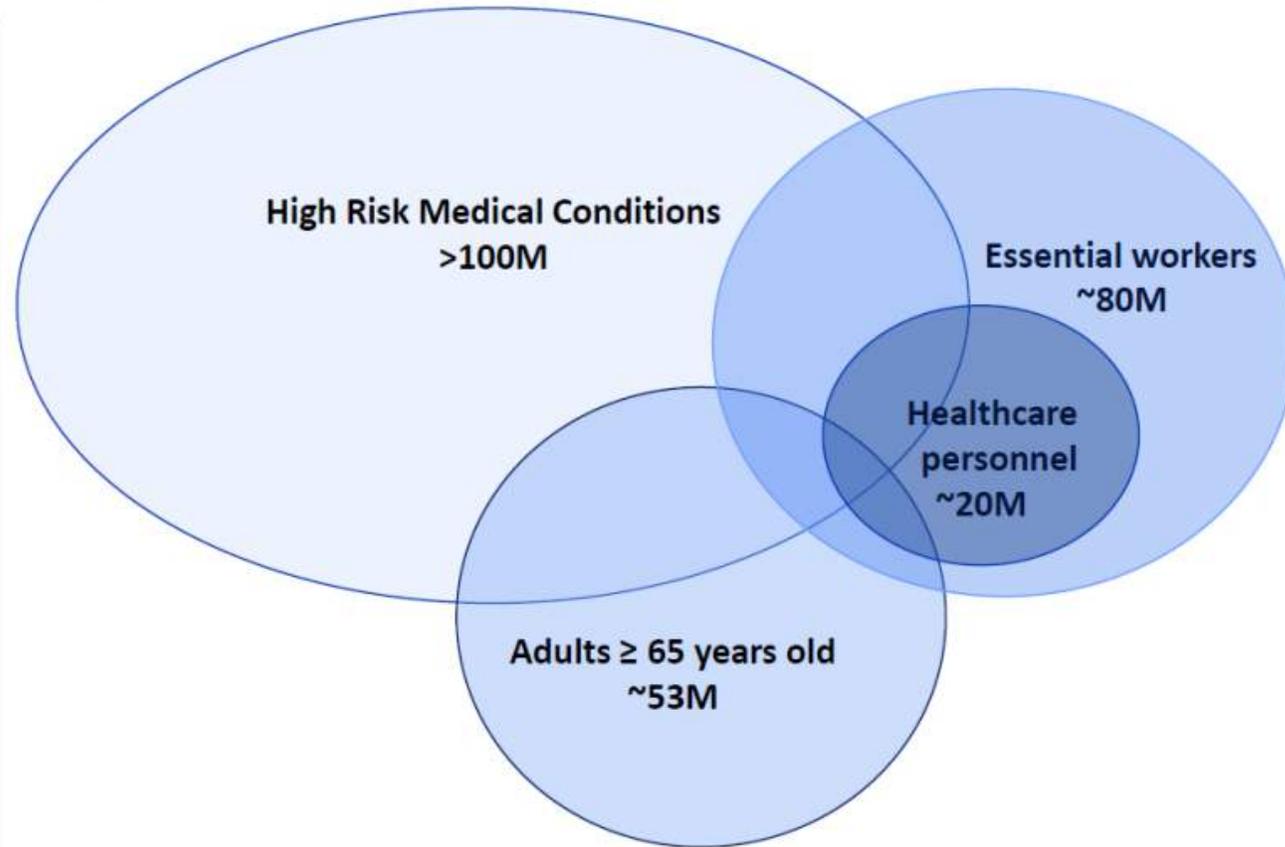
-Explore groups for phase 1b

-risk for COVID-19

-overlap between groups

-racial and ethnic composition

-Summary of Work Group considerations



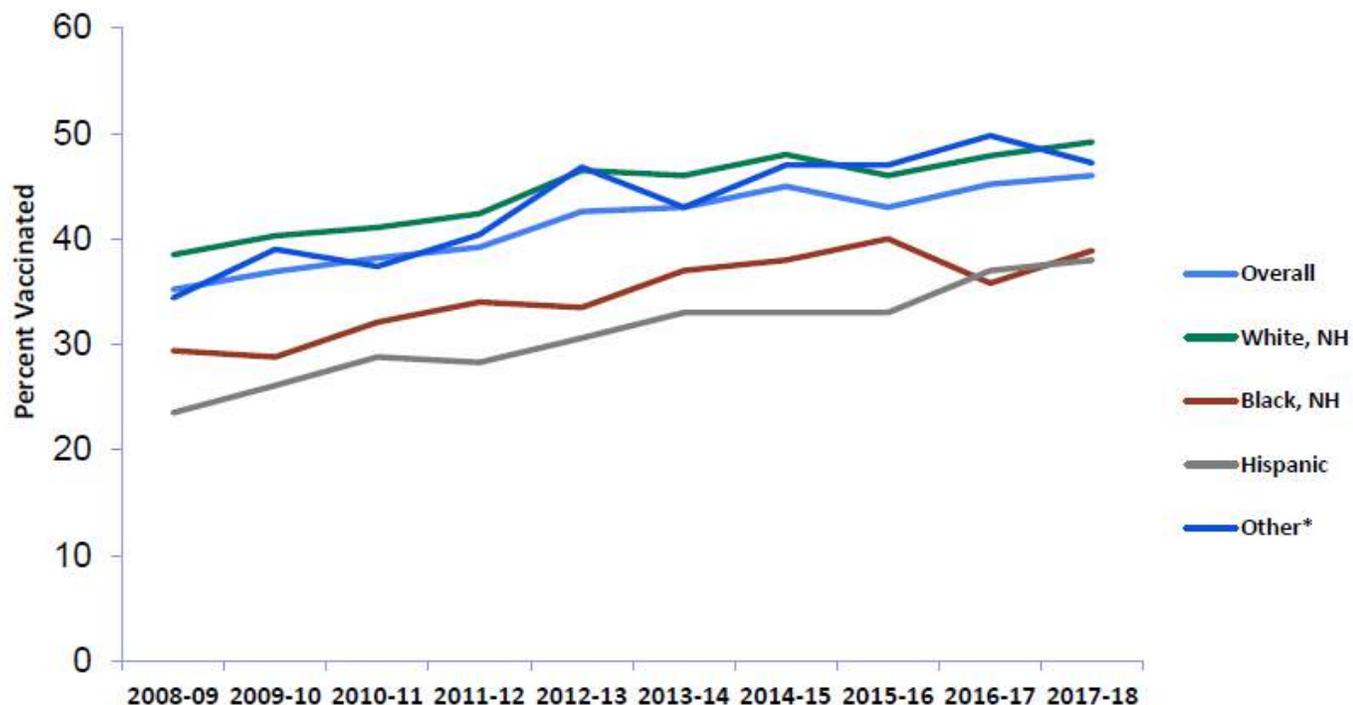
# Vaccine Confidence



- Vaccine confidence refers to the trust that parents or healthcare providers have in:
  - recommended immunizations
  - in the provider(s) who administers vaccines
  - in the process and policies that lead to vaccine development, licensure, manufacturing, and recommendations for use

# Rising to the challenge to achieve high coverage with COVID 19 Vaccines

Influenza Vaccination Coverage, ≥18 years, by Race/Ethnicity:  
2008-09 – 2017-18



\*Other includes Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, and multiple race.

Source: Vaccination Coverage among Adults in the United States, National Health Interview Survey, CDC, 2017. NH = Non-Hispanic

- Vaccination coverage of racial and ethnic minorities is consistently lower than that of white populations
- **We need novel and more robust strategies to increase uptake of COVID-19 vaccine, once one becomes available**



# State of Confidence in Potential COVID-19 Vaccine

**Editorials**  
**nature**

**Vaccine confidence needs radical transparency**

Public trust in potential COVID-19 vaccine is low. Drug companies and their academic partners must disclose protocols and results.

**Will the public trust a Covid-19 vaccine?**  
Opinion by Edgar K. Marcuse  
Updated 4:05 PM ET, Thu September 24, 2020

**Evaluating and Deploying Covid-19 Vaccines — The Importance of Transparency, Scientific Integrity, and Public Trust**  
Jason L. Schwartz, Ph.D.

**COVID-19 vaccine: Experts warn of waning public confidence**  
Posted 22 September 2020 | By Denise Fulton

**Vaccine confidence in the time of COVID-19**  
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The Vaccine Confidence Project™  
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

**COVID-19 Vaccines Face Hesitancy, Fair Distribution Issues**  
Alicia Ault  
June 15, 2020

**Poll: Most Americans Worry Political Pressure Will Lead to Premature Approval of a COVID-19 Vaccine; Half Say They Would Not Get a Free Vaccine Approved Before Election Day**

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**Perspective**

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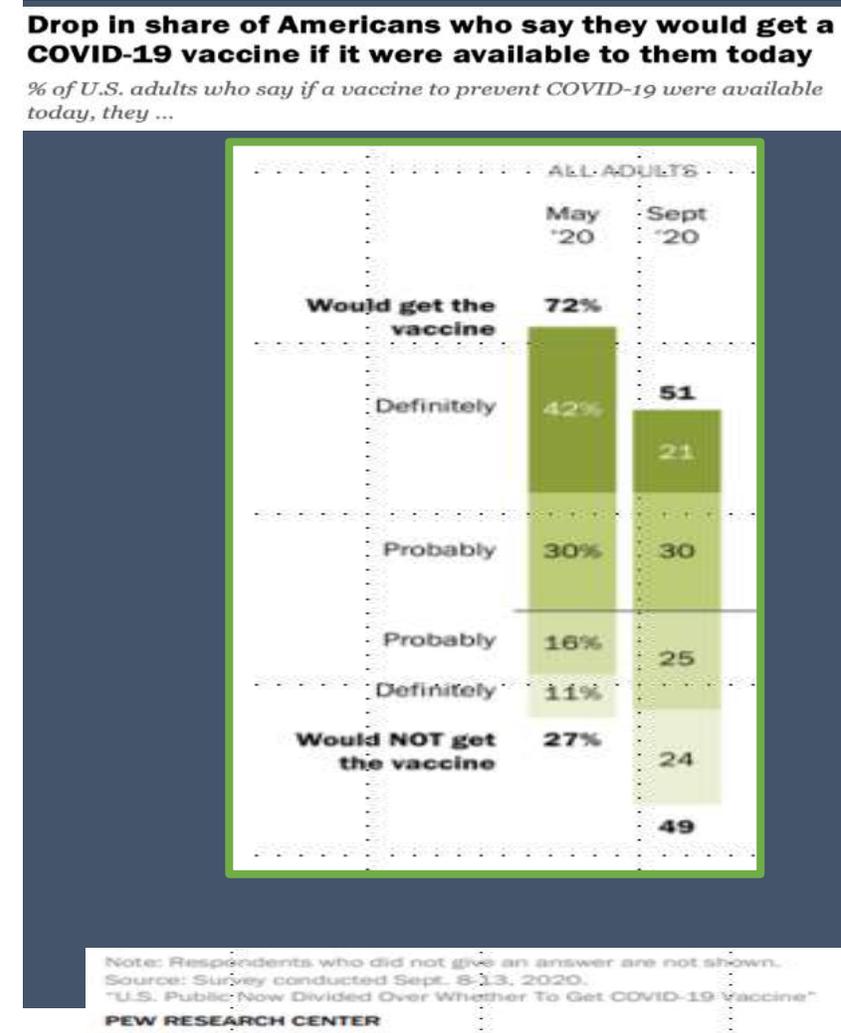
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# Building Trust in the Process of Pandemic Vaccine Development

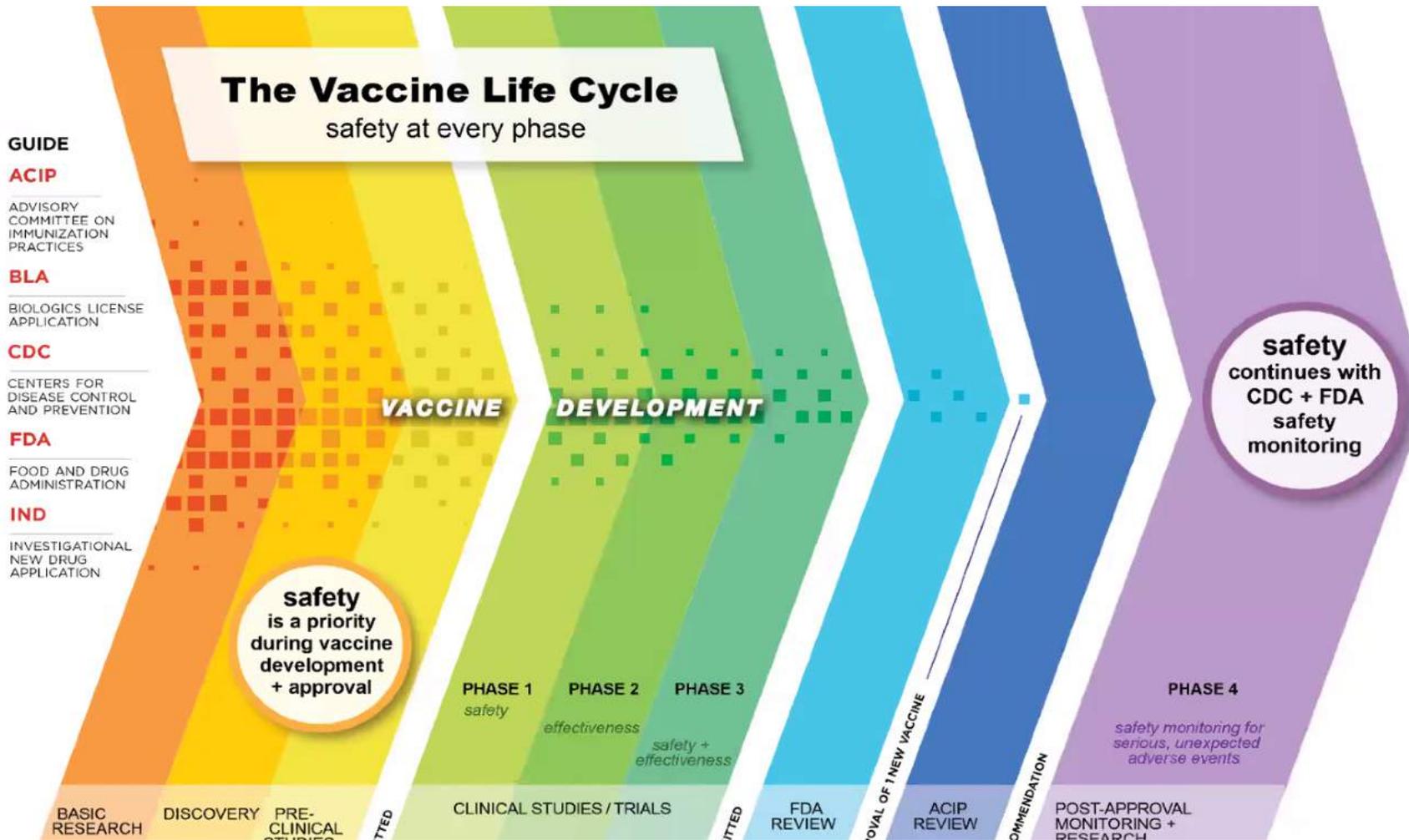
- Trust is one of the most important factors associated with vaccine confidence, which extends to the HCPs, systems, policies and belief that the system has adequately evaluated the safety and effectiveness of the recommended vaccines.<sup>1</sup>
- Transparency about potential vaccine risks and benefits is necessary to develop trust.
- The process of pandemic vaccine development and approval is designed to allow safe and effective vaccines to be available to the public.
- Educating about the clinical trial process during the pandemic is important.

**We cannot increase trust and confidence in safety and effectiveness for a new vaccine without data confirming such.**



• <sup>1</sup>Badur S et al. Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics, 2020. 16:5, 1007-1017

# COVID-19 Vaccines: Safety and Efficacy are prioritized



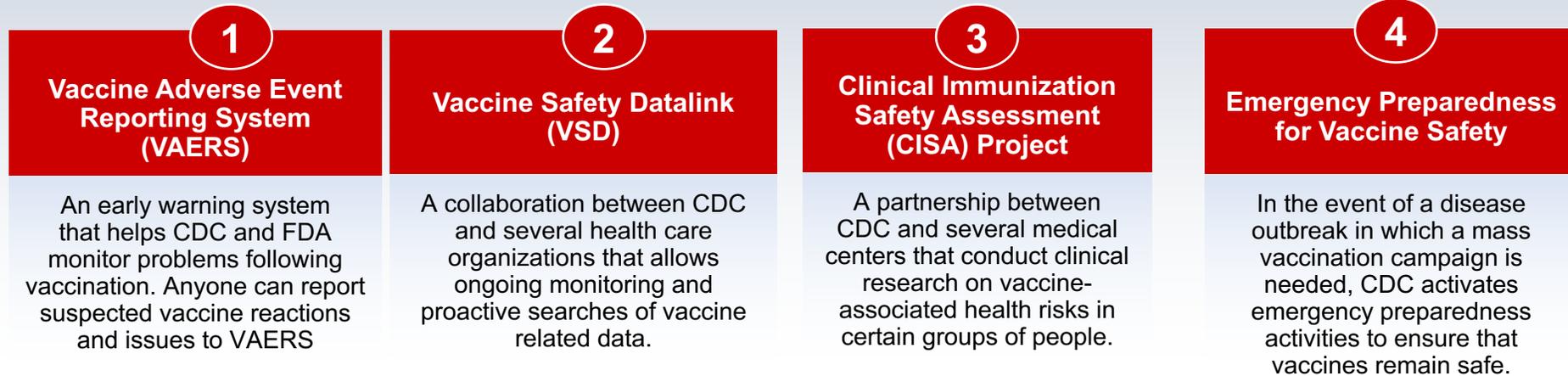
- Safety is a priority during all phases of vaccine development, approval, and use
- Post-licensure (post-authorization) safety monitoring is an established part of the vaccine life cycle
- Monitoring COVID-19 vaccine safety will be a coordinated effort by multiple federal agencies

# Vaccine Safety Monitoring

## CDC Monitors the Safety of Vaccines by:<sup>1</sup>

- Performing high-quality vaccine safety research
- Making determinations about whether vaccines caused reactions in certain cases and helping to learn about preventable risk factors
- Identifying vaccine adverse events through public health surveillance

## CDC's Immunization Safety Office Conducts Four Primary Vaccine Safety Activities:<sup>1</sup>



• 1. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/index.html>, Accessed 6/17/2019

# During health crises, communication, community engagement and cultural competency are critical



## Targeted Messaging

Epidemics do not increase vaccine acceptance in racial or ethnic minorities, meaning targeted communication from trusted messengers remains necessary—especially when a vaccine is new, data on safety or risks is limited, and negative informal messaging occurs (CDC, 2015).



## Community Engagement

Sustained community engagement is key in identifying the education and support required to implement health efforts—especially in communities that face instability with basic needs, such as employment, food, shelter, and clean water (Hutchins, 2009).



## Cultural Competency

Health care staff and first responders should provide culturally competent messaging and care—and include minority groups in planning—to encourage equitable engagement and outcomes in a pandemic response (Hutchins, 2009).

# Thank You

