



# 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)

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1597339415327&uri=CELEX:52020DC0245>

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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

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/vaccination/docs/2020\\_strategies\\_deployment\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/vaccination/docs/2020_strategies_deployment_en.pdf)

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Priority groups that could be considered by Member States:

PRIORITY GROUPS TO CONSIDER BY MEMBER STATES (in no particular order)	CONSIDERATIONS
Health care and long-term care facility workers	Essential workers with significantly elevated risk of being infected Carry out essential functions to combat the pandemic
People above 60 years of age	Age-based elevated risk of severe disease or death In particular those living in high risk situations such as long-term care facilities
Vulnerable population due to chronic diseases, co-morbidities and other underlying conditions	Elevated risk of severe disease or death Examples of risk factors: obesity, hypertension, asthma, heart conditions, pregnancy
Essential workers outside the health sector	E.g. teachers, child care providers, agriculture and food sector workers, transportation workers, police officers and emergency responders
Communities unable to physically distance	E.g. dormitories, prisons, refugee camps
Workers unable to physically distance	E.g. factories, meat cutting plants and slaughterhouses
Vulnerable socioeconomic groups and other groups at higher risk	E.g. socially deprived communities to be defined according to national circumstances

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.

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/overview-current-eu-eea-uk-plans-covid-19-vaccines>

# 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

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- 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



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