

What's next: COVID-19, science and the public health

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What I'll discuss today

- The emergence and early spread of SARS-CoV-2
- Worldwide, national, statewide and local epidemiology of COVID-19 and SARS-Co—2
- Status of immunizations
- What can still go wrong?
- What could we have done differently and how do we respond next time?

Emergence and early spread of SARS-CoV-2

Coronaviruses

- Large enveloped family of RNA viruses with a mucoid coating
- Before SARS (2002), coronaviruses were considered relatively inconsequential pathogens that caused common colds
 - Four human coronaviruses are endemic globally and cause 10-30% of upper respiratory tract infections in adults (alpha coronaviruses HCoV 2229E, NL 63,and betacoronaviruses OC 43, HKU 1)
- Widely distributed in mammals and birds
- Since 2002 we've recognized two highly pathogenic strains that causes severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS)

SARS and MERS

- As opposed to the human coronaviruses that are associated with upper respiratory tract infections, SARS and MERS are caused by beta coronaviruses
- Primarily cause lower respiratory tract infection (pneumonia)
- Relatively high case fatality rates

| | SARS | MERS |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Cases | 8098 | 2494 |
| Deaths | 774 | 858 |
| Case fatality rate | 9.5% | 34.4% |
| Controlled | Yes after reached pandemic | No, continued transmission |
| Other features | 58% from nosocomial transmission | 70% of cases from nosocomial transmission |

Emergence of the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)

- First recognized case (COVID-19) hospitalized 17 December 2019
- Cluster reported on 30 December
- Huanan Wholesale Seafood Market closed 1 January
- SARS-CoV-2 isolated 7 January
- SARS-CoV-2 sequenced 10 January
- Rapid diagnostic tests developed and distributed
- Cordon sanitaire implemented in Wuhan and surrounding cities on 23 January 59 million people quarantined
- WHO declared Public Health Emergency of International Concern 30 January
- Outbreak grew from a handful of cases exposed at Huanan wholesale seafood market to more than 150 million cases and 3.2 million deaths in less than 16 months with ongoing person-to-person transmission primarily via respiratory droplet

SARS-CoV-2

 Spike (S) protein binds to angiotensinconverting enzyme 2 (ACE2) on the membranes of lung alveolar cells, upper airway epithelial cells and glandular cells of the GI tract





The story starts in Wuhan in Hubei Province, China

- A major commercial city in central China on the Yangtze River
- Capitol of Hubei Province
- Population 11 million







SARS and MERS

- Both closely related to bat strains of coronavirus
- Transmitted through other secondarily infected species
 - SARS Himalayan palm civets
 - MERS dromedaries
- Epizoology of SARS-CoV-2 is unclear





Figure 3: Phylogenetic analysis of full-length genomes of 2019-nCoV and representative viruses of the genus Betacoronavirus 2019-nCoV=2019 novel coronavirus. MERS-CoV=Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus. SARS-CoV=severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus.

From: Lu R, Li J, N P, et al. Genomic characterisation of and epidemiology of 2019 novel coronavirus: implications for virus origins and receptor binding. Lancet 2020 Jan 29 [Epub ahead of print].

Epizoology of COVID-19

- Genetic sequence close to bat strains of coronavirus
- Suggestion of a secondary host, which acquired COVID-19 from bats and transmitted it to humans at Huanan Wholesale Seafood Market
- Possible candidate is the pangolin, a mammal whose scales used in traditional medicine
 - Most illegally trafficked animal in the world



Routes of transmission

SARS-CoV-2 infection causes the clinical disease COVID-19 Primary clinical manifestation is pneumonia

- SARS-CoV-2 spread by two routes:
 - Respiratory droplets spread ($\geq 5\mu$)
 - Aerosol (airborne) spread (<5µ)
- No evidence for fomite (surface transmission)
- Droplet spread is far more common
- Target = respiratory epithelial cells with ACE2 receptor (including conjunctivae)

- Number of droplets exhaled depends on force of exhalation
 - Breathing 50-5,000 droplets (=200-1000 viral particles/min for influenza)
 - 10x increase when speaking
 - 30,000 droplets when sneezing (=2M viral particles)
- Masks are highly effective in preventing transmission and acquisition of SARS-CoV-2 infection

Spectrum of severity of illness from SARS-CoV-2 infection



Worldwide, national, statewide and local epidemiology of COVID-19 and SARS-Co-2

COVID-19 cases world by day and country, 2020-2021



France

2 May 2021

163 666

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people, May 10, 2021

Shown is the rolling 7-day average. The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of actual cases; the main reason for that is limited testing.



COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population by day, Brazil, India, UK and US, 2020-2021



Our World in Data COVID-19 data tracker, 11 May 2021.

COVID-19 cases by day, India, 2020-2021

- Shortages of beds and oxygen
 - All industrial oxygen has been commandeered for health care
- Role of variants B.1.1.7 and B.1.617 variant (E484Q and L452R)
 - 70.4% of isolates in India are B.1.617
 - Up to 40% of isolates in Australia
 - Controllable by current vaccines
- Only 5.5% of Indian adults have been fully vaccinated
- India has stopped exporting vaccines, diverting them for domestic use
- Lockdown in several states air pollution has dropped 11 May 2021



300.000

200,000

100,000

Feb. 2020

Cases

Deaths

Los Angeles Times latimes.com

U.S. will support compulsory licensing of of COVID vaccines

- Waiver of intellectual property for public health emergencies
- WTO allows under TRIPS
- Countries who apply for waiver can manufacture their own vaccines or biologics without IP infringement



A KEY STEP FOR GLOBAL VACCINE ACCESS
The U.S. says it will support waiving patent protections on COVID-19 vaccines, a shift that could hasten
inoculations in developing countries. Above, a COVID-19 patient in a Ukraine conflict zone. NATION, A4
de

U.S. will support vaccine patent waiver

By Emily Baumgaertner

The Biden administration will support a waiver for intellectual property protections on COVID-19 vaccines, the U.S. trade representative said Wednesday, a longawaited step that could help developing countries speed up vaccinations against the disease.

COVID-19 cases and deaths are falling, United States and California, 2020-2021





30 April 2021

COVID-19 cases per 100,000 by state, last 7 days, United States, May 2021

| | CASES DAILY AVG. | PER - | 14-DAY CHANGE | FULLY VACCINATED |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------|
| United States | 39,124 | 12 | -29% 📩 | 35% |
| Michigan › | 2,737 | 27 | -47% 📩 | 36% |
| Colorado > | 1,392 | 24 | -16% 💳 | 38% |
| Maine > | 302 | 22 | -14% 📩 | 45% |
| Minnesota > | 1,230 | 22 | -27% 📩 | 39% |
| West Virginia > | 344 | 19 | -5% 🗂 | 32% |
| Pennsylvania > | 2,299 | 18 | -40% 📩 | 36% |
| Florida › | 3,750 | 17 | -33% 📩 | 33% |
| Delaware > | 169 | 17 | -38% 📩 | 37% |
| Rhode Island > | 183 | 17 | -36% 🔭 | 42% |
| Illinois > | 2,109 | 17 | -23% 📩 | 34% |



Statewide indicators, SARS-CoV-2 infection, California, 2021 Positive test rate, seven-day average

Overall ICU

capacity 32.8%

• R_e=0.89 1.0% test positivity Hospitalizations 1 546 (-10% from two weeks ago) Last Updated 5/4/2021



Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy

On June 15, all sectors can return to normal Two criteria:

- Equitable vaccine availability for ≥16 years old
- Consistently low burden of disease

Continued mandate for masking and testing or vaccination requirements for large-scale higher-risk events

| County | Total deaths | Total cases | New cases curve | Weekly change in new cases | Cases/ 10 ⁵ / d* | R | %+ |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|-------|
| Santa Clara | 2,086 | 118,932 | 68 Sept. 9 May 10 | ▼87 -15% | 2.3 | 0.87 | 0.9% |
| Alameda | 1,546 | 87,637 | 223 | ▲ 1158 +287% | 3.7 | 0.89 | 1.3% |
| Contra Costa | 792 | 68,638 | | ▼61 -12% | 5.1 | 0.86 | 1.7% |
| San Mateo | 568 | 41,747 | <u></u> | ▲ 85 +46% | 1.7 | 0.82 | 0.6% |
| San Francisco | 538 | 36,320 | 26 | ▲ 24 +15% | 1.8 | 0.86 | 0.6% |
| Solano | 216 | 32,864 | 39 | ▼76 -22% | 83 | 0 99 | 2 7% |
| Sonoma | 312 | 30,002 | M-14 | ▼10 -9% | 0.5 | 0.55 | 2.770 |
| Marin | 210 | 14,040 | and the | ▼23 -29% | 1.9 | 0.72 | 0.9% |
| Napa | 78 | 9,857 | | ▲19 +48% | 2.5 | 0.73 | 0.9% |
| Adjusted for te | esting rate, | 7-day lag | | | 4.3 | 0.80 | 1.4% |

San Francisco Bay Area



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Status of immunizations

COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, California, 2021

- All Californians ≥16 years old
- All Californians ≥12 years old

- 31 869 478 doses administered
- 235 653 average per day for the last 7 days
- 49.1% of Californians have received ≥1 dose
- 35.7% have been fully vaccinated
- San Francisco: 64.4% with ≥1 dose, 44.6% fully vaccinated

Share of completed vaccinations by Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson

| 51% | 41% | 8% |
|-----|-----|----|
| | | |



| County | ▼ Doses administered | At least 1 dose | Fully vaccinated |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Los Angeles » | 8,191,091 | 48.7% | 35.4% |
| San Diego » | 2,936,043 | 60.2% | 38.7% |
| Orange » | 2,714,025 | 50.6% | 37.6% |
| Santa Clara » | 1,929,068 | 61.4% | 42.8% |
| Alameda » | 1,623,602 | 59.6% | 44.4% |
| Riverside » | 1,604,160 | 39.5% | 29.7% |
| San Bernardino » | 1,289,735 | 35.8% | 26.5% |
| Contra Costa » | 1,163,922 | 58.5% | 47.4% |
| Sacramento » | 1,117,134 | 43.7% | 32.1% |
| San Francisco » | 957,635 | 65.8% | 48.7% |
| | | 1 | .1 May 2021 |

COVID-19 vaccination intentions, United States, December 2020-April 2021

Have you personally received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, or not? When an FDA authorized vaccine for COVID-19 is available to you for free, do you think you will...?

| Already | gotten | As soon a | s possible | Wa | it and see 📃 O | nly if requ | iired 📃 | Definite | ly not | | | | |
|----------|--------|-----------|------------|----|----------------|-------------|---------|----------|--------|----|----|-----|--|
| Apr 2021 | 56% | | | | | | 9% | 15% | é | | 6% | 13% | |
| Mar 2021 | 32% | | | 3 | 80% | | | 17% | | | 7% | 13% | |
| Feb 2021 | 18% | | 37% | | | | 22% | | | 7 | % | 15% | |
| Jan 2021 | 6% | 41% | | | | 31% | | | | | 7% | 13% | |
| Dec 2020 | 34% | | | | 39% | | | | 9 | 9% | 1 | 5% | |

Vaccination breakthroughs, United States

- 5 800 cases of vaccine breakthrough have been reported
- 66M people have been completely vaccinated
- Rate = 8.8 per 100,000 vaccinees (1 in 11 364 vaccinees)
 - 40% in people ≥65 years old
 - 65% in women
 - 29% asymptomatic, 7% hospitalized, 1% died

- Vaccine breakthroughs in trials
 - Moderna
 11 of 14 134 (77.8 per 100 00)
 1 per 1 285 vaccinees
 - Pfizer
 8 of 21 720 (36.8 per 100 000)
 1 in 2 717 vaccinees
 - Johnson & Johnson
 66 of 19 306 (342 per 100 000)
 1 in 292 vaccinees

Vaccination breakthroughs, California

- Surveillance for post-vaccination breakthroughs
- Matched immunization registry with case registry for cases with positive PCR (confirmed cases)
 ≥14 days after completion of both doses
- ≥10.7 million fully vaccinated
- 1,379 reported cases matched with immunization registry
- 0.013% or 1 in 7,760 vaccinees

FIGURE. Adjusted* vaccine effectiveness (with 95% confidence intervals) against COVID-19 among hospitalized[†] adults aged \geq 65 years, by vaccination status[§] — 24 medical centers in 14 states,[¶] January–March 2021



Tenforde MW, Olson SM, Self WH, et al. Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines against COVID-19 among hospitalized adults aged 65 years – United States, January-March 2021. MMWR 2021 Apr 28 [Early release].

Evidence for vaccine effectiveness for hospital admission after single dose, Scotland



| BN1162b2 (Pfizer—BioNTech | h) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Unvaccinated | 734031 | 6671 | 1 (ref) | 1 (ref) | 1 (ref) | 0 |
| Vaccine dose 1 (0–6 days)§ | 10 517 | 34 | 0·18 (0·13 to 0·25) | 0·15 (0·10 to 0·21) | 0·14 (0·10 to 0·19) | 86% (81 to 90) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (7–13 days)§ | 10991 | 119 | 0·57 (0·48 to 0·69) | 0·42 (0·35 to 0·51) | 0·47 (0·41 to 0·55) | 53% (45 to 59) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (14–20 days) | 7684 | 71 | 0·51 (0·40 to 0·64) | 0·31 (0·24 to 0·39) | 0·31 (0·25 to 0·38) | 69% (62 to 75) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (21–27 days) | 5672 | 38 | 0·41 (0·30 to 0·57) | 0·21 (0·15 to 0·29) | 0·22 (0·17 to 0·29) | 78% (71 to 83) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (28–34 days) | 4585 | 19 | 0·26 (0·16 to 0·40) | 0·13 (0·08 to 0·21) | 0·09 (0·06 to 0·15) | 91% (85 to 94) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (35–41 days) | 3292 | 20 | 0·40 (0·26 to 0·62) | 0·18 (0·11 to 0·28) | 0·22 (0·15 to 0·31) | 78% (69 to 85) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (42+ days) | 5996 | 31 | 0·38 (0·26 to 0·54) | 0·20 (0·14 to 0·28) | 0·23 (0·17 to 0·32) | 77% (68 to 83) |
| ChAdOx1 (Oxford—AstraZer | neca) | | | | | |
| Unvaccinated | 743142 | 7252 | 1 (ref) | 1 (ref) | 1 (ref) | 0 |
| Vaccine dose 1 (0−6 days)§ | 9222 | 122 | 0·46 (0·38 to 0·55) | 0·43 (0·35 to 0·51) | 0·28 (0·23 to 0·34) | 72% (66 to 77) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (7–13 days)§ | 8699 | 139 | 0·48 (0·41 to 0·57) | 0.53 (0.44 to 0.63) | 0·32 (0·27 to 0·39) | 68% (61 to 73) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (14–20 days) | 5742 | 83 | 0·38 (0·30 to 0·47) | 0·47 (0·37 to 0·58) | 0·27 (0·21 to 0·34) | 73% (66 to 79) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (21–27 days) | 3447 | 34 | 0·23 (0·16 to 0·32) | 0·31 (0·22 to 0·44) | 0·19 (0·13 to 0·28) | 81% (72 to 87) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (28–34 days) | 1666 | 11 | 0·15 (0·08 to 0·26) | 0·21 (0·12 to 0·39) | 0·12 (0·06 to 0·25) | 88% (75 to 94) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (35–41 days) | 530 | ≤5 | 0.04 (0.01 to 0.29) | 0.06 (0.01 to 0.44) | 0.03 (0.00 to 0.37) | 97% (63 to 100) |
| Vaccine dose 1 (42+ days) | 51 | ≤5 | 0·44 (0·06 to 3·10) | 0.68 (0.10 to 4.87) | 0.41 (0.04 to 3.96) | 59% (-296 to 96 |
| | | | | | | |

Figure 3: COVID-19 hospital admissions by age group from September, 2020, to February, 2021 The black dotted vertical line represents the start of vaccination (Dec 8, 2020) and the blue dotted lines represent the two lockdowns on Dec 26, 2020, and Jan 5, 2021. The smooth lines are obtained from fitting a generalised additive Poisson model to the admissions.

Vasileiou E, Simpson CR, Shi T, et al. Interim findings from first-dose mass COVID-19 vaccination roll-out and COVID-19 hospital admissions in Scotland: a national prospective cohort study. Lancet Lancet 2021 Apr 23 [Epub ahead of print].

Projected COVID-19 cases under four scenarios, United States, 2021



FIGURE 1. Weekly projections of reported numbers of cases (A), hospitalizations (B), and deaths (C)* under four scenarios representing different levels of vaccination and nonpharmaceutical intervention adherence — United States, March 27–September 25, 2021



Borchering RK, Viboud C, Howerton E, et al. Modeling of future COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, by vaccination rates and nonpharmaceutical intervention scenarios – United States, April-September 2021. MMWR 2021 May 5 [Early release].

What can still go wrong?

- 1. Mask fatigue and breakdown of non-pharmaceutical interventions
- 2. Maldistribution of vaccine with substantial pockets of immunologic inequity that can sustain epidemic transmission
- 3. Emergence of more transmissible and less immunologically susceptible variants
- 4. Ignoring international spread
- 5. Loss of confidence in vaccines and more vaccine hesitancy
- 6. Decreased vaccine supply





San Francisco and the 1918-19 influenza epidemic



A family wearing masks in San Francisco on November 21, 1918. San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library



A family with their masks off in San Francisco on November 21, 1918. San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library

Masking recommendations for fully vaccinated people

- CDC issued new guidelines on 27 April 2021
- Governor Newsom announces on the same day that California will adopt these new guidelines



COVID-19 vaccine equity, California, 2021



Risk of variants by time and COVID-19 incidence



Figure: Risk that at least one vaccine escape variant arises in a time period of length t, for different daily numbers of cases

The per-infection probability of vaccine escape is $p = 2 \times 10^{-7}$ (for details, see the appendix).

Thompson RN, Hill EM, Gag JR. SARS-CoV-2 incidence and vaccine escape [Letter]. Lancet Infect Dis 2021 Apr 13 [Epub ahead of print].

SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern, United States, California and Arizona, 2021



Proportion of SARS-CoV-2 variants by month, California, 2020-2021



California Department of Public Health, 1 May 2021

U.S. Calls for Pause on Johnson & Johnson Vaccine After Clotting Cases

New York Times, April 13, 2021, updated Reuters April 28, 2021

- CDC and FDA have called for immediate pause in administration of J&J vaccine
- 17 recipients in the U.S. have developed cerebral sinus vein thromboses (CSVT) and other deep thromboses with thrombocytopenia following vaccination out of 8 M doses administered (1.4 M to women 20-50 years old) – overall rate 2.1/10⁶ or 1/471 000 doses
- All but one were women between <60 years old, one died

BRIEF REPORT

Thrombosis and Thrombocytopenia after ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 Vaccination

- Possibly similar mechanism to AstraZeneca vaccine-associated antibodies (against platelet factor 4)
 - 169 cases of CSVT and 53 cases of abdominal thrombotic thrombocytopenia following 34 million doses in the European Economic Area and the UK <14 days post vaccination

Mostly in women <60 years old

Greinacher A, Thiele T, Warkentin TE, Weisser K, Kyrie PA, Eichinger S. Thrombotic thrombocytopenia after ChAd Ox1 nCov-19 vaccination. N Engl J Med 2021 Apr 9 [Epub ahead of print].

Schultz NH, Sørvoli IH, Michelsen AE et al. Thrombosis and thrombocytopenia after ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccination. N Engl J Med 2021 Apr 9 [Epub ahead of print].

April 28, 2021

Q: Have thromboses with thrombocytopenia been seen with other Adenovirus-vectored vaccines? A: Not reported

- Gameleya (Sputnik V)
 - Adenovirus 5 and 26
 - VE 91.6%



МИНИСТЕРСТВО ЗДРАВООХРАНЕНИЯ РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ

VACCINE NAME: Sputnik V (also known as Gam-Covid-Vac)

EFFICACY: 91.6%

DOSE: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart

TYPE: Muscle injection

STORAGE: Freezer storage. Developing an alternative formulation that can

be refrigerated.



Logunov DY, Dolzhiova IV, Shcheblyakov DV, et al. Safety and efficacy of an rAd26 and rAd5 vector-based heterologous prime-boost COVID-19 vaccine: an interim analysis of a randmomised controlled phase 3 trial in Russia. Lancet 2021; 397:671-81.

• CanSino BIO (Convidecia)

PHASE 3

- Adenovirus 5
- VE 65.3%
- APPROVED IN CHINA EMERGENCY USE IN OTHER COUNTRIES



VACCINE NAME: Convidecia (also known as Ad5-nCoV) EFFICACY: 65.28% DOSE: Single dose TYPE: Muscle injection STORAGE: Refrigerated



Zhu F-C, Guan X-H, Li Y-H, et al. Immunogenicity and safety of a recombinant adenovirus type-5-vectored COVID-19 vaccine in healthy adults aged 18 years or older: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2 trials. Lancet 202; 396:479-88.

Risks and benefits females, by age group

For every **1 million** doses of vaccine given with current US exposure risk¹



Risks and benefits males, by age group

For every **1** million doses of vaccine given with current US exposure risk¹



*Analyses incorporated one TTS case that occurred in the Phase 3 trial in a male aged 18-49 years.
 *Deaths, ICU admissions, and deaths due to COVID-19
 Acronyms: Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS)
 Oliver S. Risk/benefit assessment of thrombotic thrombocytopenic events after Janssen COVID-19 vaccines: applying evidence to recommendation framework. ACIP 2021 Apr 23.

The US pre-paid for 1.2 billion vaccines

| Table 2: COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Owned by the U.S. | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Vaccine | Number of doses owned | Number of people that could be vaccinated | | | | |
| Pfizer | 300 million | 150 million | | | | |
| Moderna | 300 million | 150 million | | | | |
| Johnson & Johnson | 200 million | 200 million | | | | |
| AstraZeneca* | 300 million | 150 million | | | | |
| Novavax* | 100 million | 50 million | | | | |
| Total | 1.2 billion | 700 million | | | | |
| U.S. Population | | 331 million | | | | |
| Potential "Surplus" | _ | 369 million | | | | |

NOTES: * Not yet authorized by the FDA for use in the U.S.

SOURCE: KFF analysis of Operation Warp Speed contracts and US government announcements.

Courtesy of Peter Chin-Hong, M.D., UCSF

What can the US (and others) do?

| Strategy | What done? | Can still do |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Donate vaccines | 4 million AZ to Mexico, Canada 60 million AZ promised to India | Give more and to more countries |
| Fund global vaccine efforts | \$4 billion to COVAX | Give more \$ Give others (eg World Bank) |
| Expand manufacturing | Enacted Defense Production Act Gave raw materials | More incentives |
| Patents | Support waive IP | Support WTO, WHO efforts |

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In shock move, US backs waiving patents on COVID vaccines

The development from the Biden administration draws cheers from public-health researchers and ire from drugmakers



Nature

Courtesy of Peter Chin-Hong, M.D., UCSF

POLITICS

As US stocks up on COVID-19 vaccines, Biden pledges \$4 billion to global COVAX campaign

Deirdre Shesgreen and Courtney Subramanian USA TODAY Published 5:05 p.m. ET Feb. 18, 2021 | Updated 5:23 p.m. ET Feb. 18, 2021

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Biden announces more vaccine supply on the way

President Joe Biden said Thursday that the U.S. will have enough supply of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the summer to inoculate 300 million Americans. (Feb. 11) AP





Photo caption: Boxes of vaccine doses at the Phnom Penh International Airport on 2 March 2021. Photo credit: ©WHO

U.S. NEWS

U.S. to Send Mexico, Canada Shots

The Biden administration plans to send a total of four million doses of AstraZeneca's Covid-29 vaccine to Mexico and Canada, White House press secretary Jen Paski said.

By Tarini Parti in Washington and Santiago Pirez in Mexico City

The administration is assessing how it can loan those doses to the countries. Ms. Puaki said on Thursday, with the expectation that the nations would send doses to the U.S. later. Of the four million, 2.5 million doses would be sent to Mexico and LS million to Canada. She added the plans haven't yet been finalized.

The AstraZeneca vaccine 2 isn't approved for use in the U.S.

"Our first priority remains vaccinating the U.S. population," Ms. Paski said. "But the reality is, the pandemic knows no borders, and ensuring our neighbors can contain the virus is a mission-critical step."

talks with the U.S. are in an



Vaccine supplies

- U.S. has up to 300 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccine on order
- Has not received EUA from FDA
- 4 millions doses already provided to Canada and Mexico
- Administration announced yesterday that U.S. will provide up to 60 million doses to India after safety determination by FDA

COVID-19 VACCINES

U.S. will share AstraZeneca shots with rest of the world



A patient breathes with the help of oxygen provided by a gundwara, a place of worship for Sikhs, outside a parked car along the roadside amid the COVID-10 pandemic in Ghaciabad, India, on Monday.

What could we have done differently and how do we respond next time?

Lessons learned for future pandemics

- Early warning systems are key with focus on human-animal interfaces (OneHealth approach)
- Internationalism is essential
- Employ private sector solutions for manufacturing and distributing early prototype diagnostic and screening tests
- Strengthen domestic and global health architecture for pandemic preparedness and response
- Invest in public health

