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COVID-19 vaccine country readiness and delivery

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WHO, UNICEF, Gavi and partners are working together to help prepare countries to be ready to introduce a COVID-19 vaccine.

Adaptable guidance, tools, trainings, and advocacy materials are being developed to support countries in preparing for COVID-19 vaccination. Please visit this page regularly for updates.

We welcome feedback on the existing CRD resources and recommendations for what other materials are needed. You can share your suggestions with the CRD workstream by emailing CRDresources@who.int.

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The country readiness and delivery FAQs

The country readiness and delivery workstream

Guidance and tools

The Vaccine Readiness Assessment Tool (VIRAT) includes an excel template for countries to complete and a cover note.

The VIRAT is intended to be used by Ministries of Health, with support from WHO and UNICEF Country Offices. It provides a roadmap for countries to plan for COVID-19 vaccine introduction and a structured framework for countries to self-monitor their readiness progress against key milestones. Countries can use the VIRAT to identify area where support may be needed.

The cover note is a high level introductory document that explains the purpose of the tool and highlights the critical activities and technical areas that should be initiated.

The Guidance on National Deployment and Vaccination Planning is intended to help countries develop their plan for COVID-19 vaccine introduction.

Other upcoming resources include guidance and tools on: planning for COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and demand; managing the supply, logistics, and distribution; monitoring vaccination; and conducting an evaluation of the vaccine introduction.

Trainings

COVID-19 vaccination training packages will include a blend of online learning modules, materials for in person trainings, and job aides. Initial training packages will focus on health workers and the national/sub-national focal points for COVID-19 vaccine introduction.

Countries are beginning to deploy COVID-19 vaccines, bringing new hope to the fight against the global pandemic. To ensure as many lives are saved as possible and support the trust of the public in health services, these vaccines must be deployed safely, effectively and fairly.

All health workers involved in COVID-19 vaccination need to have adequate knowledge and skills in order to ensure safe and efficient COVID-19 vaccine administration.

National and sub-national focal points in countries must also have the knowledge they need to develop effective deployment and vaccination plans and prepare for COVID-19 vaccine introduction.

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platform, in partnership with UNICEF, to provide global access to this critical knowledge. Visit OpenWHO.org to start learning today:

- **COVID-19 vaccination training for health workers** provides information that health workers need to know to conduct COVID-19 vaccination: https://openwho.org/courses/covid-19-vaccination-healthworkers-en
- **Orientation to national deployment and vaccination planning for COVID-19 vaccines** provides orientation for national deployment and vaccination planning for COVID-19 vaccines: https://openwho.org/courses/covid-19-ndvp-en
- **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) training: Simulation exercise**
- **Training on how to use the COVID-19 vaccine simulation exercise**
- **Training on the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan Review Process**

Regional resources

PAHO COVID-19 page

Communicating about Vaccine Safety: Guidelines to help health workers communicate with parents, caregivers, and patients (English)

Other resources

15 January 2021
Aide-memoire: Infection prevention and control (IPC) principles and procedures for COVID-19...

8 January 2021
Interim recommendations for use of the Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, under...

22 December 2020
Covid-19 vaccines: safety surveillance manual

Questions and answers

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Vaccines

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Vaccines and immunization: What is vaccination?

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