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CORONAVIRUS: TOWARDS A COMMON VACCINATION STRATEGY

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The development and swift deployment of safe and effective vaccines is essential for an eventual solution to the public health crisis.

As Europe learns to live with the pandemic, Member States should follow a common vaccination strategy for vaccine deployment.

THE SEARCH FOR A VACCINE

- The Commission is securing doses of COVID-19 vaccines through contracts with pharmaceutical companies, on behalf of EU countries.
- Contracts signed with three companies and talks ongoing with three others.
- **Hundreds of millions of doses** secured per contract for EU citizens and possible donations or resale to third countries.

Only vaccine candidates that respect the strict standards for vaccine **quality, safety** and **efficacy** will be allowed on the market.

VACCINATION STRATEGY

Vaccination is the surest way to end this pandemic.

Member States should give priority to vulnerable groups including:

- healthcare and long-term care facility workers
- people over 60 years
- those with underlying health conditions
- essential workers
- those who cannot socially distance
- disadvantaged socio-economic groups



MEMBER STATES SHOULD ALSO ENSURE:

- **vaccination services and infrastructure** with the necessary resources
- **vaccine deployment** for different characteristics/storage and transport needs
- **accessibility and affordability**
- Immunisation Information Systems (IIS) and other **vaccination registries**
- public communication to ensure trust and the necessary **public confidence**

Until a safe and effective vaccine is available, **non-pharmaceutical interventions** remain crucial and are **the main public health tools** to control and manage COVID-19

- testing, contact tracing and surveillance
- medical countermeasures, from personal protective equipment to therapeutics
- hand hygiene, physical distancing, reduced social interactions, face coverings or masks

