

# Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

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# Introduction

This document summarises the vaccine efficacy and effectiveness, the vaccine specifications, the vaccine development pipeline and the timeline for World Health Organization (WHO) review of the various COVID-19 vaccines in late phase development. This document is updated weekly.

- Vaccine efficacy refers to the performance of a vaccine in a controlled clinical trial (study) situation
- Vaccine effectiveness refers to the performance of a vaccine in a population under real-world conditions

## Key messages










- COVID-19 vaccine efficacy results from different trials cannot be directly compared against each other. They must be interpreted in the context of study designs (including case definitions, clinical endpoints, access to testing), target populations, and COVID-19 epidemiologic conditions (including circulation of variants of concern)
- All COVID-19 vaccines in late phase development report high vaccine efficacy against severe COVID-19 and favourable safety profiles
- Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca both show high vaccine effectiveness in the UK and Israel where the Alpha variant is circulating. Both vaccines have shown they are similarly effective against transmission in the UK. Sinovac has shown high vaccine effectiveness in Chile where the Gamma and Alpha variants are circulating. Sinopharm has shown high vaccine effectiveness in Bahrain. The Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines have both shown good vaccine effectiveness against infection in the US. One or 2 doses of the Moderna vaccine is effective against the Alpha variant in Canada, and a single dose is effective against infection and very effective against severe disease with the Delta variant.
- The US FDA, UK MHRA, EU EMA NZ Medsafe, and Health Canada have authorised the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for emergency use in adolescents aged 12-15 years.<sup>1-4</sup> The EMA has also authorised the Moderna vaccine in this age group.<sup>5</sup>
- Mixed vaccine schedules (i.e. delivering different types of vaccine for the first and second dose) are under investigation as these could facilitate better protection against variants of concern and enable vaccination programs to continue if a particular vaccine is unavailable
- A very rare clotting disorder with low platelets (Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome – TTS) has been associated with the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.<sup>6-8</sup> The majority of cases fully recover with adequate treatment. The risk following the first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine has been estimated by the EMA as 1 in 100,000 and by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) as 1 in 66,000.<sup>9,10</sup> Risk of TTS is much lower following the *second* dose of AstraZeneca vaccine: estimate in the UK is 1 in 1.5 million second doses.<sup>11</sup>
- The risk of TTS following the first dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been estimated as 1 in 319,000 in the USA<sup>12</sup>
- The risk of myocarditis/pericarditis is increased following the second dose of Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, particularly in younger males, occurring in >1 in 20,000 males under 25 years of age.<sup>13</sup> There is a small increase in risk of myocarditis in females <30 and males >50 years of age.
- Appropriate communication on the benefit-risk profile of COVID-19 vaccines (Page 14) remains crucial to maintain confidence in immunisation programmes and to avoid vaccine hesitancy

## New updates

Key updates include (*also highlighted in yellow text in the document*):

- High vaccine effectiveness of AstraZeneca and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines against symptomatic infection in England, including those in high-risk groups (Pages 9 and 10):
  - Pfizer/BioNTech (single dose):
    - 16-64 years: 48.6% (27.9-63.3)
    - ≥65 years: 56.6% (47.6-64.1)
    - High risk group aged ≥65 years: 56.4% (46.2-64.6)
  - Pfizer/BioNTech (2 doses):
    - 16-64 years: 93.3% (85.8-96.8)
    - ≥65 years: 86.7% (80.1-91.1)
    - High risk group aged ≥65 years: 88.5% (81.5-92.9)
  - AstraZeneca (single dose):
    - 16-64 years: 50.2% (40.8-58.2)
    - ≥65 years: 60.9% (49.0-70.0)
    - High risk group aged ≥65 years: 60.0% (46.5-70.1)
  - AstraZeneca (2 doses):
    - 16-64 years: 78.0% (69.7-84.0)
    - ≥65 years: 76.4% (58.8-86.5)
    - High risk group aged ≥65 years: 79.7% (61.6-89.3)
- Effectiveness in Chile (Pages 5 and 6):
  - Sinovac
    - Symptomatic infection: 58.5% (58.0-59.0)
    - Hospitalisation: 86.0% (85.6-86.5)
    - ICU admission: 89.7% (89.1-90.2)
    - Death: 86.4% (85.6-87.2)
  - Pfizer/BioNTech
    - Symptomatic infection: 87.7% (87.3-88.1)
    - Hospitalisation: 97.2% (96.6-97.6)
    - ICU admission: 98.3% (97.6-98.8)
    - Death: 100%
  - AstraZeneca
    - Symptomatic infection: 68.7% (39.8-83.7)
    - Hospitalisation: 100%
    - ICU admission: 100%
    - Death: 100%
- Vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic infection in the UK was consistently higher following the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine in all age groups with >45 day dose interval compared to 19-29 days. Antibody responses were also increased with longer dose interval for both AstraZeneca and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines:
  - AstraZeneca: 2-fold higher with 10-13 week dose interval compared to 6-9 weeks
  - Pfizer/BioNTech: 8-10 fold higher with a 6-9 or 10-13 week dose interval compared to 3 weeks
- Prevalence of infection in self-reported unvaccinated 3-fold higher than in fully vaccinated in England. Effectiveness against infection with vaccines used in the UK (Pfizer/BioNTech, AstraZeneca, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson):
  - Any infection 49% (22-67)
  - Symptomatic infection: 59% (23-78%)
- Recommended timing of vaccination with WHO EUL vaccines after SARS-CoV-2 infection has been added (Page 15)
- The EMA has authorised the Moderna vaccine for emergency use in 12-15 year olds
- A new at-a-glance table has been added on vaccine efficacy/effectiveness in high-risk groups (Page 10)

# COVID-19 Vaccine Specifications

	ASTRAZENECA	GAMALEYA	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	MODERNA	NOVAVAX	PFIZER/BIONTECH	SINOVAC	SINOPHARM	BHARAT BIOTECH
VACCINE TYPE	Viral vector (chimpanzee adenovirus ChAdOx1)	Viral vector (recombinant adenovirus types 5 and 26)	Viral vector (recombinant adenovirus type 26)	mRNA	Protein subunit	mRNA	Inactivated virus	Inactivated virus	Inactivated virus
Available Through COVAX	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-
Doses Required	 8-12 weeks apart* 4-12 weeks apart (Product Information)	 3 weeks apart	 3 weeks apart	 4 weeks apart*	 3 weeks apart	 3-4 weeks apart*	 2-4 weeks apart*	 3-4 weeks apart*	 3 weeks apart
Shipping, Storage & Presentation	Normal cold chain requirements (2-8°C); 10-dose vials	-18,5°C (liquid form); 2-8°C (dry form)	Shipped at -20°C; 2-8°C for up to 3 months; 5-dose vials	-25°C to -15°C; 10-dose vials	2-8°C; 10-dose vials	-80°C to -60°C; 2-8°C for up to 1 month; 6-dose vials	2-8°C; Single-dose vials	2-8°C; Single-dose vials/ pre-filled syringes	2-8°C; 10-dose or 20-dose vials
Approval by a Stringent Regulatory Authority (SRA)	WHO EUL, EMA, TGA, MHRA	Under review by WHO SAGE	WHO EUL, EMA, FDA, MHRA	WHO EUL, EMA, FDA	Under review by WHO SAGE	WHO EUL, EMA, FDA, TGA, MHRA	WHO EUL	WHO EUL	-

\*Based on WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) recommendations

**WHO EUL:** WHO Emergency Use Listing  
**EMA:** European Medicines Agency  
**FDA:** Food and Drug Administration (US)  
**TGA:** Therapeutic Goods Administration (Australia)  
**MHRA:** Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UK)

# COVID-19 Vaccine Efficacy

VACCINE	VACCINE EFFICACY			
	SYMPTOMATIC INFECTION	MODERATE-SEVERE	SEVERE	HOSPITALISATION/DEATH
<b>AstraZeneca</b>	UK: 66.7% (57.4-74.0) <sup>14</sup> USA, Chile, Peru: 76% <sup>15</sup> (not peer-reviewed) Single dose in UK (22-90 days post-vaccination): 76.0% (59.3 to 85.9) <sup>14</sup> Efficacy with different interval between doses in UK: 12+ weeks: 82.4% (2.7-91.7) <6 weeks: 54.9% (32.7-69.7) <sup>14</sup>	-	Severe/critical and hospitalisation in USA, Chile, Peru: 100% <sup>15</sup> (not peer-reviewed) UK: 100% (15 cases in the placebo group) <sup>14</sup>	Hospitalisation in UK: 100% (9 cases in placebo group) <sup>14</sup>
<b>Gamaleya</b>	Russia: 91.6% (85.6-95.2) <sup>16</sup> Single dose (Sputnik Light) in Argentina: 78.6% <sup>17</sup>	Moderate-severe: 100% (20 cases in the placebo group) <sup>16</sup>	-	-
<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	-	Moderate to severe/critical: All sites: 66.1% (55.0-74.8) USA: 72.0% (58.2-81.7) Latin America: 61.0% (46.9-71.8) South Africa: 64.0% (41.2-78.7) <sup>18</sup>	85.4% (54.2-96.9) <sup>18</sup>	100% (7 deaths in placebo group) <sup>18</sup>
<b>Moderna</b>	USA: 94.1% (89.3-96.8) <sup>19</sup> USA: >90% <sup>20</sup> 12-17 years in USA: 93% (1 case in vaccine arm) <sup>21</sup>	-	USA: 100% (30 cases in placebo group) <sup>19</sup> US: >95% <sup>20</sup>	USA: 100% (1 death in placebo group) <sup>19</sup>
<b>Novavax</b>	UK: 89.7% (80.2-94.6) <sup>22</sup> US and Mexico: 90.4% (82.9-94.6) <sup>23</sup>	US and Mexico: 100% (87.0-100) <sup>23</sup>	-	-
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	Argentina, Brazil, Germany, South Africa, Turkey and the USA: 94.6% (89.9-97.3) <sup>24</sup> 12-15 years in USA: 100% <sup>25</sup> Infection over 6 months: 91.3% (89.0-93.2) <sup>26</sup>	-	Argentina, Brazil, Germany, South Africa, Turkey and the USA: 88.9% (20.1-99.7) <sup>24</sup>	-
<b>Sinovac</b>	Brazil: 50.7% (35.9-62.0) Chile: 67% (65-69) Indonesia: 65% (20-85) <sup>27</sup> Turkey: 83.5% (65.4-92.1) <sup>28</sup>	Requiring medical assistance in Brazil: 83.7% (58.0-93.7) Moderate-severe: 100% (56.4-100.0) <sup>29</sup>	-	Hospitalisation: Brazil: 100% (56-100) Chile: 85% (83-97) Turkey: 100% (20-100) <sup>27</sup>
<b>Sinopharm</b>	UAE, Bahrain, Egypt and Jordan: 78.1% (64.9-86.3) <sup>27</sup>	-	-	Hospitalisation in UAE, Bahrain, Egypt and Jordan: 78.7% (26.0-93.9) <sup>27</sup>
<b>Bharat Biotech</b>	India: 77.8% (65.2-86.4) <sup>30</sup>	-	India: 93.4% (57.1-99.8) <sup>30</sup>	-

# COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness

VACCINE	SEVERE / HOSPITALISATION / DEATH	INFECTION AND OTHER OUTCOMES
<b>AstraZeneca</b>	<p>Single dose in Scotland: 94% (73-99)<sup>31</sup></p> <p>Risk of death in vaccine failures compared to unvaccinated cases in England reduced by: 55% (41-66)<sup>32</sup> (not peer reviewed)</p> <p>Single dose against hospitalisation in Spain: 92% (46-99)<sup>33</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in Italy: Hospitalisation: 89% (85-91); Death: 93% (89-96)<sup>34</sup></p> <p>Chile: Hospitalisation: 100%; ICU admission: 100%; Death: 100%<sup>35</sup></p>	<p>Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca vaccines in elderly care home residents in UK: Reduction in risk of infection 4 weeks after-single dose: 56% Reduction in risk of infection 5 weeks after single dose: 62%<sup>36</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca vaccines: reduced odds of infection post-second dose: 70% (62-77)<sup>37</sup></p> <p>Single dose in Spain: Any infection: 44% (31-54); Symptomatic infection: 50% (37-61)<sup>33</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in Italy: Infection: 78% (76-79)<sup>34</sup></p> <p>Single dose against symptomatic infection in multiple European countries: 68% (39-83)<sup>38</sup></p> <p>Symptomatic infection in 16-64 years in UK: single dose: 50.2% (40.8-58.2); 2 doses: 78.0% (69.7-84.0)<sup>38</sup></p> <p>Symptomatic infection in Chile: 68.7% (39.8-83.7)<sup>35</sup></p>
<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	-	<p>USA: Any infection: 76.7% (30.3-95.3)<sup>40</sup></p>
<b>Moderna</b>	<p>Pooled analysis of AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in Italy: Hospitalisation: 89% (85-91); Death: 93% (89-96)<sup>34</sup></p>	<p>Pooled analysis of Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines in USA: Infections in nonvaccinated: 234 of 8969; 2.61% (2.29-2.96) Fully vaccinated: 4/8121; 0.05% (0.01-0.13)<sup>41</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines against infection in USA: Fully vaccinated: 90% (68-97) Two weeks after first dose: 80% (59-90)<sup>42</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in Italy: Infection: 78% (76-79)<sup>34</sup></p> <p>Single dose against symptomatic disease in the UK: Age 15-39 years: 72% (46-86)<sup>43</sup></p>
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	<p>Severe in Israel: 92% (75-100)<sup>44</sup></p> <p>Severe/critical in Israel: 97.5% (97.1-97.8)<sup>45</sup></p> <p>Single dose against hospitalisation in Scotland: 85% (76-91)<sup>31</sup></p> <p>Risk of death in vaccine failures compared to unvaccinated cases in England reduced by: Single dose: 44% (32-53) Fully vaccinated: 69% (31-86)<sup>32</sup> (not peer reviewed)</p> <p>Israel: Hospitalisation: 97.2% (96.8-97.5); Death: 96.7% (96.0-97.3)<sup>45</sup></p> <p>Hospitalisation in Spain: 94% (60-99)<sup>33</sup></p> <p>Priority groups in Denmark: Hospitalisation: 93% (89-96); Death: 94% (90-96)<sup>46</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in Italy: Hospitalisation: 89% (85-91); Death: 93% (89-96)<sup>34</sup></p> <p>A care facility in USA: Hospitalisation: 94.4 (73.9-98.8); Death 94.4 (44.6-99.4)<sup>47</sup></p> <p>Uruguay: Hospitalisation: 97.8% (96.0-98.8); Death: 96.2 (95.4-96.8)<sup>48</sup></p> <p>Israel: Hospitalisation: 93.4% (91.9-94.7); Death: 91.1% (86.5-94.1)<sup>49</sup></p> <p>Chile: Hospitalisation: 97.2% (96.6-97.6); ICU admission: 98.3% (97.6-98.8); Death: 100%<sup>35</sup></p>	<p>Pooled analysis of Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines in USA: Infections in nonvaccinated: 234 of 8969; 2.61% (2.29-2.96) Fully vaccinated: 4/8121; 0.05% (0.01-0.13)<sup>41</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines in USA: Fully vaccinated: 90% (68-97); Two weeks after first dose: 80% (59-90)<sup>42</sup></p> <p>Symptomatic infection in Israel: 94% (87-98)<sup>44</sup></p> <p>Any infection in Israel: 90% (79-95)<sup>50</sup></p> <p>Israel: Any infection: 95.3% (94.9-95.7); Symptomatic infection: 97.0% (96.7-97.2)<sup>45</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca vaccines in elderly care home residents in UK: 4 weeks after first dose: 56%; 5 weeks after first dose: 62%<sup>36</sup></p> <p>Documented infection in Israel: incidence decreased from 9.4 infections per 1,000 HCWs in the week following first dose to &lt;1.0 infection per 1,000 HCWs per week from 1 week after the second dose<sup>51</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca vaccines: reduced odds of infection post-second dose: 70% (62-77)<sup>37</sup></p> <p>Spain: Any infection: 65% (56-73); Symptomatic infection: 82% (73-88)<sup>33</sup></p> <p>Infection in priority groups in Denmark: 82% (79-84)<sup>46</sup></p> <p>USA: Symptomatic infection: 84% (75-90)<sup>52</sup></p> <p>Denmark: Infection in care facility residents: &gt;14 days after first dose: 17% (4-28); &gt;7 days after second dose: 64% (14-84)<sup>53</sup></p> <p>USA: Single dose against infection in 2 care facilities: 63% (33-79)<sup>54</sup></p> <p>A care facility in USA: Infection 66% (41-81); Symptomatic illness 87% (66-95)<sup>47</sup></p> <p>Pooled analysis of AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in Italy: Infection: 78% (76-79)<sup>34</sup></p> <p>Uruguay: Infection: 78.1% (77.0-79.1)<sup>48</sup></p> <p>Israel: Infection: 93.0% (92.6-93.4)<sup>49</sup></p> <p>Single dose against symptomatic disease in the UK: Age 15-39 years: 61% (56-66)<sup>43</sup></p> <p>Symptomatic infection in multiple European countries: single dose: 61% (39-75); 2 doses: 87% (74-93)<sup>38</sup></p> <p>Symptomatic infection in 16-64 years in UK: single dose: 48.6% (27.9-63.3); 2 doses: 93.3% (85.8-96.8)<sup>39</sup></p> <p>Symptomatic infection in Chile: 87.7% (87.3-88.1)<sup>35</sup></p>
<b>Sinovac</b>	<p>Uruguay: Hospitalisation: 90.9% (88.6-92.7); Death: 94.7% (93.4-95.7)<sup>48</sup></p> <p>Chile: Hospitalisation: 86.0% (85.6-86.5); ICU admission: 89.7% (89.1-90.2); Death: 86.4% (85.6-87.2)<sup>35</sup></p>	<p>Uruguay: Infection: 59.9% (59.1-60.7)<sup>48</sup></p> <p>Symptomatic infection in Chile: 58.5% (58.0-59.0)<sup>35</sup></p>
<b>Sinopharm</b>	-	<p>Symptomatic infection in Bahrain: 90% (88-91)<sup>27</sup></p>

## Vaccine Effectiveness Summary at-a-glance

VACCINE	AGAINST DEATH	AGAINST HOSPITALISATION/ SEVERE DISEASE	AGAINST SYMPTOMATIC INFECTION	AGAINST ANY INFECTION
AstraZeneca	100% <sup>35</sup>	100% <sup>35</sup> Single dose: 92-94% <sup>31,33</sup>	69-78% <sup>35,39</sup> Single dose: 50-68% <sup>33,38,39</sup>	Single dose: 44% <sup>33</sup>
Johnson & Johnson	-	-	-	77% <sup>40</sup>
Moderna	-	-	Single dose: 72% <sup>43</sup>	-
Pfizer/BioNTech	91-100% <sup>35,45-49</sup>	92-98% <sup>33,35,44-49</sup> Single dose: 85% <sup>31</sup>	82-97% <sup>33,35,39,44,45,47,52</sup> Single dose: 49-61% <sup>39,43</sup>	63-95% <sup>33,45-47,50,53,54</sup>
Sinovac	86-95% <sup>35,48</sup>	86-91% <sup>35,48</sup>	59% <sup>35</sup>	60% <sup>48</sup>
Sinopharm	-	-	90% <sup>27</sup>	-

# Vaccine Efficacy/Effectiveness against Delta VOC

VACCINE	LAB STUDIES	VACCINE EFFICACY/EFFECTIVENESS	
		ANY INFECTION*	HOSPITALISATION AND DEATH*
AstraZeneca	✓	Effectiveness: Single dose 33-67% <sup>55</sup> 2 doses: 60% <sup>55,56</sup>	Effectiveness: Single dose: 71-88% <sup>55,57</sup> 2 doses: 92% <sup>57</sup>
Gamaleya	✓	-	-
Johnson & Johnson	✓	-	-
Moderna	✓	Effectiveness: Single dose: 72% <sup>55</sup>	Effectiveness: Single dose: 96% <sup>55</sup>
Pfizer/BioNTech	✓	Effectiveness: Single dose: 33-56% <sup>55</sup> 2 doses: 39-88% <sup>55,56,58</sup>	Effectiveness: Single dose: 78-94% <sup>55,57</sup> 2 doses: 91-96% <sup>57,58</sup>
Bharat Biotech	✓	Efficacy: 65.2% <sup>30</sup>	-

\*This table provides a summary; details are available in the Vaccine Efficacy/Effectiveness Against Variants table on Page 8

# Vaccine Efficacy/Effectiveness Against Variants

Refer to previous table for vaccine effectiveness results for the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine in Scotland, England and Israel, where all locations had predominant B.1.1.7 circulation. There are four Variants of Concern listed by WHO.<sup>59</sup> The WHO recommends labelling SARS-CoV-2 variants with letters of the Greek alphabet, as in the table below.<sup>60</sup>

VACCINE	VACCINE EFFICACY/EFFECTIVENESS							
	B.1.1.7 (ALPHA) VARIANT		B.1.351 (BETA) VARIANT		P.1 (GAMMA) VARIANT		B.1.617.2 (DELTA) VARIANT	
	ANY INFECTION	SEVERE	ANY INFECTION	SEVERE	ANY INFECTION	SEVERE	ANY INFECTION	SEVERE
<b>AstraZeneca</b>	UK: 70.4% (43.6-84.5) (vs. 81.5% (67.9-89.4) against wild variant) <sup>61</sup> Effectiveness: ≥21 days after one dose: 48.7% (45.2-51.9); ≥14 days after two doses: 74.5% (68.4-79.4) <sup>65</sup> Scotland: 73% (66-78) <sup>66</sup> Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 64% (60-68) <sup>65</sup>	Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 85% (81-88) <sup>65</sup>	10.4% (-76.8 to 54.8) <sup>62</sup>	Study underway <sup>18</sup>	-	-	Effectiveness: ≥21 days after one dose: 30.0% (24.3-35.3); ≥14 days after second dose: 67.0% (61.3-71.8) <sup>65</sup> Scotland: 60% (53-66) <sup>66</sup> Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 67% (44-80) <sup>65</sup>	Hospitalisation in England: 1 dose: 71% (51-83); 2 doses: 92% (75-97) <sup>67</sup> Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 88% (60-96) <sup>65</sup>
<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	-	-	-	Moderate to severe/critical: 64.0% (41.2-78.7) Severe/critical: 81.7% (46.2-95.4) <sup>18</sup>	-	Moderate to severe/critical: 68.1% (48.8-80.7); Severe/critical: 87.6% (7.8-99.7) <sup>18</sup>	-	-
<b>Moderna</b>	Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 83% (80-86); 2 doses: 92% (86-96) <sup>65</sup>	Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 79% (74-83); 2 doses: 94% (89-97) <sup>65</sup>	-	-	-	-	Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 72% (57-82) <sup>65</sup>	Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 96% (72-99) <sup>65</sup>
<b>Novavax</b>	86.3% (71.3-93.5) (vs. 96.4% (73.8-99.5) against wild variant in UK) <sup>22</sup>	-	South Africa: 51.0% (-0.6 to 76.2) <sup>63</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	Case-control study in Israel: After one dose, vaccinees were disproportionately infected with B.1.1.7 (OR: 26:10) <sup>64</sup> Effectiveness in Qatar: 89.5% (85.9-92.3) <sup>65</sup> Effectiveness: ≥21 days after one dose: 47.5% (41.6 to 52.8) ≥14 days after second dose: 93.7% (91.6-95.3) <sup>65</sup> Scotland: 92% (90-93) <sup>66</sup> Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 66% (64-68); 2 doses: 89% (86-91) <sup>65</sup>	Effectiveness in Qatar: 100% (81.7-100) <sup>65</sup> Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 80% (78-82); 2 doses: 95% (92-97) <sup>65</sup>	Israel case-control study: Vaccinees infected at least 1 week after the second dose were disproportionately infected with B.1.351 (odds ratio: 8:1) <sup>64</sup> Effectiveness in Qatar: 75.0% (70.5-78.9) <sup>65</sup> South Africa: 100% (53.5-100) <sup>65</sup>	Effectiveness in Qatar: 100% (73.7-100) <sup>65</sup>	-	-	Effectiveness: ≥21 days after one dose: 35.6% (22.7-46.4); ≥14 days after second dose: 88.0% (85.3-90.1) <sup>65</sup> Scotland: 79% (75-82) <sup>66</sup> Effectiveness in Canada: Single dose: 56% (45-64); 2 doses: 87% (64-95) <sup>65</sup> Effectiveness in Israel: Infection: 64%; Symptomatic illness: 64% <sup>66</sup> Israel 6 months after roll out: 39.0% (9.0-59.0) <sup>68</sup>	Hospitalisation in England: 1 dose: 94% (46-99); 2 doses: 96% (86-99) <sup>67</sup> Canada: Single dose: 78% (65-86) <sup>65</sup> Effectiveness against hospitalisation in Israel: 93% <sup>68</sup> Severe disease in Israel: 91.4% (82.5-95.7) <sup>68</sup>
<b>Sinovac</b>	Chile: 67% (65-69) <sup>*27</sup>	-	-	-	Brazil: vaccine effectiveness 1 or 2 doses: 37.9% (-46.4-73.6) <sup>67</sup> Chile: 67% (65-69) <sup>*27</sup> Brazil: ≥70 years: 41.6% (26.9-53.3); 70-74 years: 61.8% (34.8-77.7); 75-79 years: 48.9% (23.3-66.0); ≥80 years: 28.0% (0.6-47.9) <sup>68</sup>	-	-	-
<b>Bharat Biotech</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Efficacy against infection in India: 65.2% (33.1-83.0) <sup>30</sup>	-

\* While it is known P.1. and B.1.1.7 were circulating at the time of the study, the extent is unknown based on available surveillance



# Vaccine Efficacy/Effectiveness in the Elderly and Against Comorbidities

VACCINE	VACCINE EFFICACY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED			
	DIABETES	OBESITY	AT RISK FOR SEVERE COVID-19	ELDERLY
AstraZeneca	-	-	76% against symptomatic infection in a sample where 60% had comorbidities, including diabetes, severe obesity or cardiac disease <sup>15</sup> (not peer-reviewed) Effectiveness against symptomatic infection in the UK in those with comorbidities and ≥65 years: Single dose: 60.0% (46.5-70.1); 2 doses: 79.7% (61.6-89.3) <sup>28</sup>	In ≥65 years: 85% <sup>15</sup> (not peer-reviewed) Effectiveness against hospitalisation at 28-34 days after a single dose (pooled analysis of AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines): 18-64 years: 85% (68-93); 65-79 years: 79% (17-95); ≥80 years: 81% (65-90) <sup>31</sup> Effectiveness of single dose against hospitalisation in England: ≥80 years: 73% (60-81) <sup>69</sup> Effectiveness in England: Symptomatic infection ≥70 years: 73% (27-90); Hospitalisation ≥80 years: 37% (3-59) <sup>70</sup> Hospitalisation following single dose in the UK: ≥80 years: 80.4% (36.4-94.5) <sup>71</sup> Single dose in Spain: ≥60 years: 53% (19-72) vs. 18-59 years: 50% (34-62) <sup>33</sup> Effectiveness against death in the UK: ≥65 years: Single dose: 83% (78-86); Two doses: 94% (80-98) <sup>43</sup> Effectiveness against symptomatic infection in the UK, ≥65 years: single dose: 60.9% (49.0-70.0); 2 doses: 76.4% (58.8-86.5) <sup>28</sup>
Gamaleya	-	-	-	Against symptomatic infection in >60 years: 91.8% (67.1-98.3) <sup>16</sup>
Johnson & Johnson	Against moderate to severe/critical: 23.0% (-90.1-69.8) <sup>18</sup>	Against moderate to severe/critical: 65.9% (47.8-78.3) <sup>18</sup>	Against moderate to severe/critical: With any comorbidity: 58.6% (40.6-71.6) <sup>18</sup> No comorbidity: 68.8% (59.0-76.6) <sup>18</sup>	Against moderate-severe/critical disease ≥28 post vaccination: 18-59 years: 66.1% (53.3-75.8) 60+ years: 66.2% (36.7-83.0) <sup>18</sup>
Moderna	-	-	Against symptomatic infection, comorbidities, including diabetes and obesity: In low risk: 95.1% (89.6-97.7) In high risk: 90.9% (74.7-96.7) <sup>19</sup>	Against symptomatic infection: 18-64 years: 95.6% (90.6-97.9) ≥65 years: 86.4% (61.4-95.2) <sup>19</sup> Pooled Moderna and Pfizer vaccines against hospitalisation ≥65 years: 94% (49-99) <sup>72</sup>
Pfizer/BioNTech	Effectiveness in Israel: Diabetes or cardiovascular disease: 82% (62-92) <sup>50</sup> Effectiveness against infection in Israel: (88.9% (87.3-90.2) <sup>49</sup>	Effectiveness against infection in Israel: (89.7% (88.6-90.7) <sup>49</sup>	Against symptomatic infection: With any comorbidity or obesity: 95.3% With no comorbidity: 94.7% <sup>24</sup> Denmark: Infection: 71% (58-80); Hospitalisation: 81% (49-93) <sup>46</sup> Effectiveness against infection in Israel: Hypertension: (89.7% (88.6-91.7) <sup>49</sup> Effectiveness against symptomatic infection in the UK in those with comorbidities and ≥65 years: Single dose: 56.4% (46.2-64.6) 2 doses: 88.5% (81.5-92.9) <sup>39</sup>	Against symptomatic infection: >55 years: 93.7% (80.6-98.8); >65 years: 94.7% (66.7-99.9); >75 years: 100% (-13.1-100) <sup>24</sup> Effectiveness against hospitalisation 28-34 days after a single dose (pooled analysis of AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines): 18-64 years: 85% (68-93); 65-79 years: 79% (17-95); ≥80 years: 81% (65-90) <sup>31</sup> England 80-83 years: Documented infection: 70.1% (55.1-80.1) Hospital attendance: 78.9% (60.0-89.9); Hospital admission: 75.6% (52.8-87.6) <sup>73</sup> Reduction in incidence of infection in vaccinated people aged >60 years and unvaccinated people aged 20-39 years, respectively: Documented infection: 45% versus 28%; Hospitalisation: 68% versus 22% <sup>74</sup> Pooled Moderna and Pfizer vaccines against hospitalisation ≥65 years: 94% (49-99) <sup>72</sup> Effectiveness in England: Symptomatic infection ≥70 years: 61% (51-69); Hospitalisation ≥80 years: 43% (33-52); Death ≥80 years (vaccine failure vs non-vaccinated): 51% (37-62) <sup>70</sup> Effectiveness against hospitalisation in England ≥80 years: Single dose: 81% (76-85) Fully vaccinated: 93% (89-95) <sup>69</sup> (not peer reviewed) Effectiveness in Israel: 65-74 years: 82% (63-92); ≥75 years: 82% (61-91) <sup>50</sup> Hospitalisation following single dose in the UK: ≥80 years: 71.4% (43.1-86.2) <sup>71</sup> Single dose in Spain: ≥60 years: 76% (55-87) vs. 18-59 years: 85% (74-91) <sup>33</sup> Effectiveness against infection in Denmark: ≥80 years: 77% (50-89) <sup>46</sup> Effectiveness against infection in Israel: ≥70 years: 89.1% (83-93) <sup>49</sup> Effectiveness against death in the UK: ≥65 years: Single dose: 77% (72-81); Two doses: 98% (94-99) <sup>43</sup> Effectiveness against symptomatic infection in the UK, ≥65 years: single dose: 56.6% (47.6-64.1); 2 doses: 86.7% (80.1-91.1) <sup>39</sup>
Novavax	-	-	Against any infection with comorbidity, age ≥65 years or frequent COVID-19 exposure in USA and Mexico: 91.0% (83.6-95.0) <sup>23</sup>	-
Sinovac	-	74.9% (53.7-86.4) <sup>27</sup>	Any comorbidity: 48.9% (26.6-64.5) <sup>27</sup>	-
Sinopharm	-	80.7% (56.7-91.4) <sup>27</sup>	-	Effectiveness against symptomatic infection in Bahrain: ≥60 years: 91% (87-94) <sup>27</sup>
Bharat Biotech	-	-	Efficacy against any infection with comorbidity: 66.2% (33.8-84.0) <sup>30</sup>	Efficacy against symptomatic infection in India: ≥60 years: 67.8% (8.0-90.0) vs 18-59 years: 79.4% (66.0-88.2) <sup>30</sup>

# Vaccine Efficacy/Effectiveness in high-risk groups at-a-glance

VACCINE	VACCINE EFFICACY/EFFECTIVENESS			
	DIABETES	OBESITY	AT RISK FOR SEVERE COVID-19	ELDERLY*
<b>AstraZeneca</b>	-	-	Effectiveness of single dose against: Symptomatic infection: 60% <sup>39</sup>  Efficacy against symptomatic infection: 76% <sup>15</sup>  Effectiveness against symptomatic infection: 80% <sup>39</sup>	Effectiveness of single dose against: Symptomatic infection: 53-61% <sup>33,39</sup> Hospitalisation: 80% <sup>71</sup> Death: 83% <sup>43</sup>  Efficacy against infection: 85% <sup>15</sup>  Effectiveness against: Symptomatic infection: 73-76% <sup>39,70</sup> Hospitalisation: 37-73% <sup>69,70</sup> Death: 94% <sup>43</sup>
<b>Gamaleya</b>	-	-	-	Symptomatic infection: 92% <sup>16</sup>
<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	Efficacy: 23% <sup>18</sup>	Efficacy: 66% <sup>18</sup>	Efficacy: 59% <sup>18</sup>	Efficacy 66% <sup>18</sup>
<b>Moderna</b>	-	-	Efficacy against symptomatic infection: 91% <sup>19</sup>	Efficacy against symptomatic infection: 86% <sup>19</sup>
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	Effectiveness against infection: 82% <sup>50</sup> 89% <sup>49</sup>	Effectiveness against infection: 90% <sup>49</sup>	Effectiveness of single dose against symptomatic infection: 56% <sup>39</sup>  Efficacy against symptomatic infection: 95% <sup>24</sup>  Effectiveness against: Infection: 71-90% <sup>46,49</sup> Symptomatic infection: 89% <sup>39</sup> Hospitalisation: 81% <sup>46</sup>	Effectiveness of single dose against: Infection: 76% <sup>33</sup> Symptomatic infection: 56% <sup>39</sup> Hospitalisation: 71-81% <sup>69,71</sup> Death 77% <sup>43</sup>  Efficacy against symptomatic infection: 95-100% <sup>24</sup>  Effectiveness against: Infection: 70-89% <sup>46,49,50,73</sup> Symptomatic infection: 61-87% <sup>39,70</sup> Hospitalisation: 43-93% <sup>69,70,73</sup> Death: 98% <sup>43</sup>
<b>Novavax</b>			Efficacy against infection: 91% <sup>23</sup>	
<b>Sinovac</b>	-	75% <sup>27</sup>	49% <sup>27</sup>	-
<b>Sinopharm</b>	-	61% <sup>27</sup>	-	Effectiveness against symptomatic infection 91% <sup>27</sup>
<b>Bharat Biotech</b>	-	-	Efficacy against infection: 66% <sup>30</sup>	Efficacy against symptomatic infection: 68% <sup>30</sup>

\*Estimates in those ≥60 years to ≥80 years

# Vaccine Efficacy/Effectiveness Against Transmission

There are limitations related to the analysis and comparison of transmission data between studies and vaccines. Criteria for testing vary between studies and may include, for example, random testing, testing at defined intervals, or retrospective serology.

VACCINE	EFFICACY/EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST ASYMPTOMATIC INFECTION	OTHER OUTCOMES
AstraZeneca	Asymptomatic (UK only): 22.2% (-9.9-45.0); Symptomatic and asymptomatic combined (UK, South Africa and Brazil): 54.1% (44.7-61.9) <sup>14</sup> Odds ratio for household contacts of vaccinated health workers vs non-vaccinated health workers testing positive in England: 0.52 (0.43-0.62) <sup>75</sup> Pooled analysis of AstraZeneca and Pfizer/BioNTech in Scotland: Hazard ratio for household contacts of vaccinated health workers vs non-vaccinated health workers testing positive: 0.70 (0.63-0.78) <sup>76</sup> Hazard ratio for single dose in vaccinated vs. unvaccinated care facility residents in England: 0.32 (0.15-0.66) <sup>77</sup> Following regular testing of randomly selected UK households: 79% (65-88) <sup>78</sup> Single dose against symptomatic and asymptomatic infection in the UK: 60% (49-68) <sup>79</sup>	-
Johnson & Johnson	Asymptomatic: 59.7% (32.8-76.6) <sup>18</sup>	-
Moderna	US: Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines: 88.7% (68.4-97.1) <sup>80</sup> Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in USA (weekly testing for 13 weeks): 2 weeks after single dose: 80% (59-90); 2 weeks after second dose: 90% (68%-97) <sup>81</sup> Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in USA: compared to unvaccinated residents, relative risk of infection in asymptomatic pre-surgical patients >10 days after first dose: 0.21 (0.12-0.37) <sup>82</sup> Following mRNA vaccination in nursing homes in USA, incident cases in <i>unvaccinated</i> residents decreased from 4.3% within 14 days of the first vaccination clinic to 0.3% after 42 days <sup>83</sup> Reduced potential for transmission (from modelling): at least 61% <sup>84</sup>	-
Pfizer/BioNTech	England: 86% (76-97) 7 days after 2 doses; 72% (58-86) 21 days after 1 dose <sup>85</sup> Israel: 75% (72-84) 15-28 days after single dose <sup>86</sup> ; 92% (88-95) <sup>44</sup> Israel: 91.5% (90.7-92.2) <sup>45</sup> USA: Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines: 88.7% (68.4-97.1) <sup>80</sup> UK, single dose: 4-fold decrease in risk amongst HCWs ≥12 days post-vaccination <sup>87</sup> Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in US (weekly testing for 13 weeks): 2 weeks after single dose: 80% (59-90); 2 weeks after second dose: 90% (68%-97) <sup>81</sup> Pooled analysis of Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines in USA: compared to unvaccinated residents, relative risk of infection in asymptomatic pre-surgical patients >10 days after first dose: 0.21 (0.12-0.37) <sup>82</sup> Following mRNA vaccination in nursing homes in USA, incident cases in <i>unvaccinated</i> residents decreased from 4.3% within 14 days of the first vaccination clinic to 0.3% after 42 days <sup>83</sup> Effectiveness in unvaccinated household contacts of vaccinated health workers: 2 weeks after first dose: 8.7% (-28.9-35.4); 10 weeks after first dose: 42.9% (22.3-58.1) <sup>88</sup> Following regular testing of randomly selected UK households: 80% (73-85) <sup>78</sup> USA: Asymptomatic screening: 90% (78-96) <sup>52</sup> Israel: 65% (45-79%) <sup>89</sup> * By May 2021, 82% and 42% of adults aged ≥65 and 18-49 years, respectively, had received at least one dose of vaccine. From before the vaccination program (29 Nov-12 Dec 2020) to late April 2021, the rate ratios among adults aged ≥65 compared to 18-49 years were: Infection: 40%; Emergency visits: 59%; Hospitalisation: 65%; Death: 66% <sup>80</sup> Single dose against symptomatic and asymptomatic infection in the UK: 72% (63-79) <sup>79</sup>	Lower viral load in vaccine failure cases 12-37 days after the first dose of vaccine compared to within the first 11 days, indicating potentially lower infectiousness <sup>91</sup> Data from 223 communities in Israel: strong correlation between community vaccination rate and a later decline in infection among children under 16 years of age who were unvaccinated <sup>92</sup> Substantially decreased viral load for infections occurring 12-37 days after the first dose of vaccine in Israel, indicating likely lower infectiousness <sup>91</sup> Detectable transmission in long-term care facilities in Spain reduced by 90% (76-93) <sup>93</sup> Odds ratio for household contacts of vaccinated health workers vs non-vaccinated health workers testing positive in England: 0.54 (0.47-0.62) <sup>75</sup> Pooled analysis of AstraZeneca and Pfizer/BioNTech in Scotland: Hazard ratio for household contacts of vaccinated health workers vs non-vaccinated health workers testing positive: 0.70 (0.63-0.78) <sup>76</sup> Hazard ratio for single dose in vaccinated vs. unvaccinated care facility residents: 0.35 (0.17-0.71) <sup>77</sup>
Bharat Biotech	Efficacy in India: Asymptomatic: 63.6% (29.0-82.4); Symptomatic and asymptomatic combined: 68.8% (46.7-82.5) <sup>30</sup>	-

\* Nationwide vaccination program including Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines

# Mixed Dose Vaccine Safety and Immune Responses

Mixed vaccine schedules (i.e. delivering different types of vaccine for the first and second dose) could be particularly useful to facilitate better protection against variants of concern and enable vaccination programs to continue if a particular vaccine is unavailable.

SCHEDULE	SAFETY	IMMUNE RESPONSES	COUNTRIES USING SCHEDULE
<b>AstraZeneca followed by Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	<p>Spain: Similar side effects to those receiving 2 doses of the same vaccine; no safety concerns (not peer reviewed)<sup>94</sup></p> <p>UK: Greater systemic side effects (mild-moderate symptoms) following the booster dose than with 2 doses of the same vaccine; no safety concerns<sup>95</sup></p> <p>Germany: greater reactogenicity with first dose of AstraZeneca than with the Pfizer/BioNTech booster<sup>96</sup></p> <p>Increased reactogenicity (54.4%; 49.4-59.5) vs AstraZeneca-AstraZeneca (33.5%; 28.0-39.2)<sup>97</sup></p>	<p>Spain: ≥8 week dose interval: Stronger immune response following Pfizer/BioNTech than after 2 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine (not peer reviewed)<sup>94</sup></p> <p>Spain: 8-12 week dose interval: robust antibody response<sup>98</sup></p> <p>UK: 4 week dose interval: stronger antibody and cellular response than after 2 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine<sup>99</sup></p> <p>Germany: 9-12 week dose interval: Significantly stronger immune response following Pfizer/BioNTech booster than AstraZeneca, and slightly stronger than after 2 doses of Pfizer/BioNTech (not peer reviewed)<sup>100</sup></p> <p>Germany: 4-fold greater immune response than 2 doses of AstraZeneca<sup>101</sup></p> <p>South Korea: 6-fold greater neutralising antibody response than 2 doses of AstraZeneca</p>	Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Spain and South Korea <sup>102</sup>
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech followed by AstraZeneca</b>	<p>UK: Greater systemic side effects (mild-moderate symptoms) following the booster dose than with 2 doses of the same vaccine; no safety concerns<sup>95</sup></p> <p>Greater reactogenicity with first of homologous and heterologous prime-boost immunisation with BNT162b2 and ChAdOx1-nCoV19: a prospective cohort study increased reactogenicity (55.2%; 46.1-64.1) vs Pfizer/BioNTech-Pfizer/BioNTech (33.3%; 23.4-44.5)<sup>97</sup></p>	UK: 4 week dose interval: weaker antibody response than after 2 doses of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine (but stronger than after 2 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine) <sup>99</sup>	-
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech or Johnson &amp; Johnson followed by Moderna</b>	-	USA: Trial underway with 12-20 week dose interval <sup>103</sup>	-
<b>AstraZeneca, Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	Canada: Trial underway mixing and matching all three vaccines with study arms assessing 4 week and 16 week dose intervals <sup>104</sup>	AstraZeneca followed by either Moderna or Pfizer/BioNTech: Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Sweden, Norway and Spain <sup>102</sup>
<b>Sinovac followed by AstraZeneca</b>	-	-	Thailand

# Adverse Events Following Immunisation with WHO EUL Vaccines

Adverse events following immunisation (AEFIs) are any reactions occurring after immunisation. They can be either expected or unexpected. The vaccine may not actually cause the AEFI; it may occur coincidentally as millions of people are being vaccinated so some people may get sick after vaccination but this does not necessarily mean that it is due to the vaccine. Special investigations determine whether they are due to the vaccine. Adverse events of special interest (AESIs) are of scientific and medical concern that are found through active surveillance, that have the potential to be causally associated with a vaccine and that need to be carefully monitored and confirmed by further special studies.

For all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of an anaphylactic event following administration.

	ASTRAZENECA	MODERNA	PFIZER/BIONTECH	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	SINOPHARM	SINOVAC
Adverse events following immunisation (AEFIs)*	<p>Very common (more than 1 in 10 people): headache, nausea, muscle pain, joint pain, injection site tenderness/ pain/ warmth/ itch, fatigue, malaise, fever, chills</p> <p>Common (between 1 in 10 and 1 in 100 people): injection site swelling/ redness<sup>105</sup></p>	<p>Injection site pain (92%)/ swelling (15%)/ redness (10%), fatigue (70%), headache (65%), muscle pain (62%), joint pain (46%), fever (16%), chills (45%), nausea/vomiting (23%), axillary swelling/tenderness (20%)<sup>106</sup></p>	<p>Very common: headache, muscle pain, joint pain, injection site pain/ swelling, fatigue, fever, chills;</p> <p>Common: nausea, injection site redness<sup>105</sup></p> <p>Uncommon (between 1 in 100 and 1 in 1000 people): lymphadenopathy, insomnia, pain in extremity of vaccinated arm, malaise, injection site itch;</p> <p>Rare: (between 1 in 1000 and 1 in 10,000): acute peripheral facial paralysis<sup>107</sup></p>	<p>Injection site pain/ redness/ swelling, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, nausea, fever<sup>108</sup></p>	<p>Injection site pain (16%)/ itch (1%)/ swelling (2%)/ redness (1%), fever (4%), fatigue (3%), nausea (1%), headache (1%), diarrhoea (1%), muscle pain (&lt;1%), itch (non-injection site) (1%)<sup>109</sup></p>	<p>Fatigue (8.3%), fever (3.3%), diarrhoea (0.8%), nausea (1.7%), headache (2.5%), muscle pain (1.7%), injection site pain (10.0%)/ redness (0%)/ swelling (0%)<sup>110</sup></p>
Adverse events of special interest (AESIs)	<p>Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) (see page 13 for estimated risk);</p> <p>EMA PRAC: Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS)<sup>111</sup></p> <p>Australia: Guillain-Barre syndrome: 52 cases (10.4 per million doses)<sup>112</sup></p>	<p>USA: Myocarditis/pericarditis: 40.6 males and 4.2 females aged 12-29 years per million second doses of mRNA vaccine; and 2.4 males and 1.0 females aged 30+;<sup>113</sup></p> <p>&gt;1 in 20,000 males under 25 years of age<sup>13</sup></p> <p>Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP)**<sup>114</sup></p>	<p>USA: Myocarditis/pericarditis: 40.6 males and 4.2 females aged 12-29 years per million second doses of mRNA vaccine; and 2.4 males and 1.0 females aged 30+;<sup>113</sup></p> <p>&gt;1 in 20,000 males under 25 years of age<sup>13</sup></p> <p>Israel: Myocarditis estimated to occur in 1 in 3,000 to 1 in 6,000 men aged 16-24 following the second dose – mostly mild and resolved<sup>115</sup></p> <p>ITP**<sup>114</sup></p>	<p>TTS (see page 14 for estimated risk)</p> <p>USA: Guillain-Barre Syndrome: 100 preliminary reports of GBS following 12.5 million doses of vaccine administered (mostly males &gt;50 years)<sup>116</sup></p>	-	-

\*Details for AstraZeneca, Moderna, Pfizer/BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson from product information sheets in SRA countries, based on data from clinical trials; Sinopharm and Sinovac details from published clinical trials

\*\*The ITP cases are mostly without the thrombotic events characteristic of TTS

# Serious Adverse Events

Caution is required when comparing safety profiles as definitions and reporting systems vary in trials and in particular phase IV studies.

VACCINE	VACCINE SAFETY
<b>AstraZeneca</b>	<p>108 SAEs in 12,282 (0.9%) vaccine recipients and 127 in 11,962 (1.1%) placebo recipients; 7 deaths all considered unrelated to vaccination (2 vaccine, 5 placebo)<sup>14</sup>            US Phase III study: No serious safety concerns involving 32,449 participants<sup>15</sup> (not peer-reviewed)</p> <p>EMA investigation: possible link between the AstraZeneca vaccine and Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS)            Blood clots affected the brain (central venous sinus thrombosis, CVST) and abdomen (splanchnic vein thrombosis)            There have been reports of 169 cases of CVST and 53 cases of splanchnic vein thrombosis in ~34 million vaccinated people in Europe            The EMA confirmed the overall benefits of the vaccine in preventing COVID-19 outweigh the risks of side effects<sup>7</sup>            TTS reported to occur in ~1 in 66,000 vaccinated adults in Australia<sup>10</sup></p> <p>Several countries introduced age recommendations for the vaccine: &gt;60 years in Germany and Australia; &gt;55 years in France and Canada; &gt;40 years in the UK<sup>117-119</sup>            EMA has started a review of reports of capillary leak syndrome following 5 cases of this very rare disorder post vaccination<sup>120</sup>            Guillain-Barre syndrome reported by EMA PRAC and 10.4 cases per million doses in Australia<sup>111,112</sup>            Brazil: SAEs: 66.5/100,000 doses</p>
<b>Gamaleya</b>	<p>45 SAEs in 16,427 (0.3%) vaccine recipients and 23 in 5,435 (0.4%) placebo recipients; 4 deaths all considered unrelated to vaccination (3 vaccine, 1 placebo)<sup>16</sup></p>
<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	<p>83 SAEs in 21,895 (0.4%) vaccine recipients and 96 in 21,888 placebo recipients (0.4%); 19 deaths all considered unrelated to vaccination (3 vaccine, 16 placebo)<sup>18</sup>            EMA investigation of 8 reports of TTS. Most cases occurred in women &lt;60 years of age but specific risk factors have not been confirmed<sup>8</sup>            The CDC and FDA have now recommenced the vaccination program in the USA following a thorough safety review<sup>121</sup>            15 cases of TTS have been reported in 7.98 million people vaccinated in USA<sup>6</sup>            Guillain-Barre Syndrome: 100 preliminary reports of GBS following 12.5 million doses of vaccine administered in USA (mostly males &gt;50 years)<sup>116</sup></p>
<b>Moderna</b>	<p>153 SAEs in 15,166 (1.0%) placebo recipients and 147 in 15,185 (1.0%) vaccine recipients; 5 deaths considered unrelated to vaccine (2 vaccine, 3 placebo)<sup>19</sup>            Anaphylaxis reported in the US at a rate of 2.5 per million doses<sup>122</sup>            No obvious safety signals among pregnant women who received mRNA COVID-19 vaccines in USA<sup>123</sup>            USA: Myocarditis/pericarditis reported in more than 1 in 20,000 males under 25 years of age following second dose of mRNA vaccine<sup>13</sup>            USA: Myocarditis/pericarditis reported in 40.6 males and 4.2 females aged 12-29 years per million second doses of mRNA vaccine; and 2.4 males and 1.0 females aged 30+<sup>113</sup></p>
<b>Novavax</b>	<p>SAEs at low levels and similar between vaccine and placebo groups<sup>124</sup></p>
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	<p>SAEs and deaths were low and comparable between vaccine and placebo groups (total 37,586 participants)<sup>24</sup>            Anaphylaxis reported in the US at a rate of 4.7 per million doses<sup>122</sup>            No obvious safety signals among pregnant women who received mRNA COVID-19 vaccines in USA<sup>123</sup>            USA: Myocarditis/pericarditis reported in more than 1 in 20,000 males under 25 years of age following second dose of mRNA vaccine<sup>13</sup>            USA: Myocarditis/pericarditis reported in 40.6 males and 4.2 females aged 12-29 years per million second doses of mRNA vaccine; and 2.4 males and 1.0 females aged 30+<sup>113</sup>            Brazil: SAEs: 5.4/100,000 doses</p>
<b>Sinovac</b>	<p>Brazil: SAEs: 79.7/100,000 doses</p>

# Risk of Rare Unusual Blood Clotting with Low Blood Platelets (Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome – TTS)

Estimated number of TTS that potentially might occur in Pacific Island Countries if all adults received the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccines, based on most recent official estimate of the adult population in each country and the incidence of these events in Europe and Australia.

COUNTRY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED POPULATION AGED 18 YEARS AND OVER*	POTENTIAL NUMBER OF TTS CASES IF ALL ADULTS IN EACH COUNTRY RECEIVED ASTRAZENECA VACCINE**	POTENTIAL NUMBER OF TTS CASES IF ALL ADULTS IN EACH COUNTRY RECEIVED JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE***
American Samoa	55,519	33,311	<1	<1
Cook Islands	15,300	9,180	<1	<1
Federated States of Micronesia	102,300	61,380	0.6-1.0	<1
Fiji	867,000	520,200	5.2-8.3	1.6
French Polynesia	275,918	165,551	1.7-2.6	<1
Guam	159,358	95,615	1.0-1.5	<1
Kiribati	113,400	68,040	0.7-1.1	<1
Marshall Islands	54,900	32,940	<1	<1
Nauru	10,900	6,540	<1	<1
New Caledonia	271,407	162,844	1.6-2.6	<1
Niue	1,611	967	<1	<1
Northern Mariana Islands	53,883	32,330	<1	<1
Palau	18,000	10,800	<1	<1
Papua New Guinea	7,744,700	4,646,820	46.5-73.8	14.6
Samoa	195,979	117,587	1.2-1.9	<1
Solomon Islands	642,000	385,200	3.9-6.1	1.2
Tokelau	1,160	696	<1	<1
Tonga	99,419	59,651	<1	<1
Tuvalu	10,507	6,304	<1	<1
Vanuatu	272,173	163,304	1.6-2.6	<1
Wallis and Futuna	11,558	6,935	<1	<1
<b>All Pacific Island Countries</b>	<b>10,976,992</b>	<b>6,586,195</b>	<b>65.9-104.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>

\* Based on estimate of 60% of population aged ≥18 years<sup>125</sup>

\*\* Based on estimates of TTS occurring in ~1 in 100,000 vaccinated adults by the European Medicines Agency and ~1 in 66,000 in Australia<sup>9,10</sup>

\*\*\* Based on estimates of TTS occurring in ~1 in 319,000 vaccinated adults in USA (may be an underestimate as only cerebral venous sinus thrombosis are reported)<sup>12</sup>



# Who Can be Vaccinated Based on WHO SAGE Recommendations?

So far, WHO SAGE have made recommendations for use of AstraZeneca, Moderna, Pfizer/BioNTech, Johnson & Johnson and Sinopharm vaccines:  
<https://www.who.int/groups/strategic-advisory-group-of-experts-on-immunization/covid-19-materials>

	ASTRAZENECA	MODERNA	PFIZER/BIONTECH	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	SINOPHARM	SINOVAC
<b>Minimum Age</b>	18 years	18 years	12 years	18 years	18 years	18 years
<b>Maximum Age (SAGE WHO)</b>	None	None	None	None	None	None
<b>Pregnancy</b>	Yes if high priority group & approved by health provider	Yes if high priority group & approved by health provider	Yes if high priority group & approved by health provider	Yes if high priority group & approved by health provider	Yes if high priority group & approved by health provider	Yes if high priority group & approved by health provider
<b>Breastfeeding</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Timing after previous SARS-CoV-2 infection</b>	May delay 6 months; Within 90 days if VOCs associated with reduced effectiveness are circulating (e.g. Beta)	May delay 6 months; Within 90 days if VOCs associated with reduced effectiveness are circulating (e.g. Beta)	May delay 6 months; Within 90 days if VOCs associated with reduced effectiveness are circulating (e.g. Beta)	May delay 6 months; <6 months may be advisable if VOCs with reduced neutralisation activity are circulating	May delay 6 months; <6 months may be advisable if VOCs associated with reduced effectiveness are circulating	May delay 6 months; <6 months may be advisable if VOCs associated with reduced effectiveness are circulating
<b>Immunocompromised including HIV</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>People Previously Infected by SARS-CoV-2 (PCR Confirmed)</b>	Yes, although that person may choose to delay vaccination by 6 months	Yes, although that person may choose to delay vaccination by 6 months	Yes, although that person may choose to delay vaccination by 6 months	Yes, although that person may choose to delay vaccination by 6 months	Yes, although that person may choose to delay vaccination by 6 months	Yes, although that person may choose to delay vaccination by 6 months
<b>History of Anaphylaxis (Severe Allergy)</b>	Yes (unless the allergy is to the vaccine or its components)	Yes (unless the allergy is to the vaccine or its components)	Yes (unless the allergy is to the vaccine or its components)	Yes (unless the allergy is to the vaccine or its components)	Yes (unless the allergy is to the vaccine or its components)	Yes (unless the allergy is to the vaccine or its components)



# Vaccine Development Pipeline

WHO has recommended that vaccines adopted by countries have WHO SAGE EUL and/or Stringent Regulatory Approval. Last updated 2 August 2021.

VACCINE TYPE	NUMBER OF VACCINE CANDIDATES AT EACH PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT				
	PRE-CLINICAL	PHASE I/II	PHASE III	PHASE IV	IN USE*
RNA	25	10	2	2	2 (Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna)
DNA	17	7	3	0	0
Vector (non-replicating)	27	7	2	3	4 (CanSino, Gamaleya, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca)
Vector (replicating)	18	7	0	0	0
Inactivated	8	6	8	2	8 (Sinopharm/BIBP; Sinopharm/WIBP; Sinovac; Bharat; Chumakov; Research Institute for Biological Safety Problems; Shenzhen Kangtai Biological Products; Shifa Pharmed)
Live-attenuated	2	1	0	0	0
Protein subunit	73	23	9	1	5 (Vector institute; Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biopharmaceutical Chinese Academy of sciences; Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology; Instituto Finlay de Vacunas, Cuba; Medigen Vaccine Biologics, Taiwan)
Virus-like particle	20	4	1	0	0
Other/unknown	33	5	0	0	0

\*Not all vaccines in use have SRA (as recognised by WHO) approval (see Vaccine specifications table and WHO SAGE Emergency Use Listing and prequalification timeline for approval status of vaccines).

Source: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine COVID-19 vaccine tracker.

# WHO SAGE Emergency Use Listing and Prequalification Timeline

MANUFACTURER	NAME OF VACCINE	PLATFORM	STATUS OF ASSESSMENT	ANTICIPATED DECISION DATE
Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT162b2/COMIRNATY Tozinameran (INN)	mRNA	Final decision made	Authorised 31/12/20
AstraZeneca	AZD1222	Adenoviral vector	Final decision made	SK Bio: Authorised 15/02/21 EU nodes: Authorised 16/04/21 CSL, Australia: Authorised 09/07/21 Daiichi Sankyo, Japan: Authorised 09/07/21
Serum Institute of India	Covishield (ChAdOx1_nCoV19)	Adenoviral vector	Final decision made	Authorised 15/02/21
Sinopharm/Beijing Institute of Biological Products (BIBP)	SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (InCoV)	Inactivated	In progress	Authorised: 07/05/2021
Sinovac	SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated	Inactivated	In progress	Authorised 01/06/2021
Moderna	mRNA-1273	mRNA	In progress (to use abridged procedure relying on EMA)	Authorised 30/04/2021
Johnson & Johnson	Ad26.COV2.S	Adenoviral vector	Final decision made	Authorised 12/03/21
The Gamaleya National Center	Sputnik V	Adenoviral vector	Additional data required; review ongoing	Will be determined when all data are submitted
CanSinoBIO	Ad5-nCoV	Adenoviral vector	Rolling data assessment starting August 2021	-
Novavax	NVX-CoV2373	Protein subunit	Expression of interest accepted; Pre-submission meeting held	-
CureVac	Zorecimeran	mRNA	Expression of interest accepted; Pre-submission meeting planned for Q4 2021	-
Bharat Biotech	Covaxin; BBV152	Inactivated	Rolling data assessment started 6 July 2021	-
Clover Biopharmaceuticals	SCB-2019 (CpG 1018/Alum)	Protein subunit	In discussion on submission strategy and timelines	-

Source: WHO Guidance Document: Status of COVID-19 Vaccines within WHO EUL/PQ evaluation process.  
Available at: <https://www.who.int/teams/regulation-prequalification/eul/covid-19>

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