

COVID-19 & vaccine development

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The AMA recognizes the critical importance of scientific integrity, transparency, and public trust as we fight to contain the global spread of COVID-19 and plan for the authorization, distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

Featured updates

- CDC publishes action steps for clinicians regarding a rare type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine: Cases of Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia after Receipt of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine (April 13, 2021)
- CDC and FDA release a joint statement on reviewing data involving reported U.S. cases of a rare type of blood clot in individuals after receiving Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. (April 13, 2021)

AMA resources

- AMA publishes a new resource on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.
- AMA and the Ad Council provide new COVID-19 resources to boost vaccine confidence.
- To promote factual information around COVID-19 online, the AMA's COVID-19 vaccines guide for physicians contains background and actions, evidence-based messaging guidance and best practices for consideration in external communications on COVID-19 vaccine topics.
- AMA publishes a resource to answer COVID-19 vaccine FAQs for physicians: COVID-19 vaccines physicians' frequently asked questions (Download the PDF version).
- AMA publishes a resource to assist physicians and practice staff in responding to patient inquiries about COVID-19 vaccinations: COVID-19 Vaccine Script for Patient Inquiries (PDF).

Patient education resources

The AMA published new resources on what patients need to know regarding COVID-19 vaccines, transmission and wearing face masks:

- COVID-19 vaccines patients' frequently asked questions (Download the PDF version).
- COVID-19 Transmission: Patient-facing Information (PDF).
- What Patients Need to Know About Wearing Face Masks (PDF).

Video series: Health care leaders address questions about the COVID-19 vaccine

The Ad Council and the COVID Collaborative, a coalition of the nation's experts in health, education and the economy, have created a new resource designed to address health professional's questions about COVID-19 vaccination. The video series was developed in collaboration with the AMA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and other top health and medical institutions.

Topics addressed include safety, availability, cost, side effects, vaccine administration, answering patients' questions and more. Learn more about this joint effort and watch the series now.

AMA webinar series: What physicians need to know about COVID-19 vaccine development

Hosted by AMA physician leaders, each installment of this webinar series aims to gain fact-based insights from the nation's highest-ranking subject matter experts working to protect the health of the public, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Peter Marks, MD, PhD, discusses Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine pause

Peter Marks, MD, PhD, Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), joins AMA President Susan R. Bailey to discuss the most up-to-date COVID-19 vaccine information, including the recent paused distribution of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Questions submitted by attendees are also addressed.

A transcript for the webinar will be provided once available.

COVID-19 vaccine safety & delivery webinar

The AMA welcomed back Dr. Marks, the director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) at the Food and Drug Administration to discuss the road ahead now that vaccines are available.

The webinar explored safety and efficacy data, and provided the latest updates on the distribution process.

Watch the recording on COVID-19 vaccine safety & delivery.

FDA review process for COVID-19 vaccine candidates webinar

In this webinar, AMA leaders and experts from the FDA provide a comprehensive overview of the COVID-19 vaccine and an inside look at the FDA development and approval process of a vaccine. Speakers also discuss the differences between the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and Biologic License Application (BLA) pathways.

Watch now or read the transcript on FDA review process for COVID-19 vaccine candidates.

CDC Update on COVID-19 vaccine development webinar

The purpose of this webinar discussion focuses on ways to help physicians and the public have a better understanding of the vaccine development process, as well as allocation and distribution of a vaccine, or vaccines, when they become available.

Watch now or read the transcript on CDC Update on COVID-19 vaccine development.

What physicians need to know about vaccine development webinar

Peter Marks, MD, PhD, the director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) at the Food and Drug Administration, discusses the latest developments on the road to effective COVID-19 vaccines, including a deep dive into the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) process, specifically



how the timeline has been shortened from a matter of years to a matter of months.

Watch now or read the transcript on [What Physicians Need to Know About Vaccine Development](#).
