

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The White House
Office of the Vice President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20550

Dear Vice President Pence,

We write to you today regarding the Administration's plans for a swift and safe distribution of a COVID-19 vaccination.

As a result of actions taken by the federal government, America's bioscience community has dramatically expedited the development of a vaccine for COVID-19. We now have two promising prospects entering Phase III clinical trials that could lead to an approved product by the end of 2020. In fact, the federal government and pharmaceutical industry leaders have matched this unprecedented ingenuity by agreeing to terms on the sale and purchase of eventual vaccinations in order to promptly distribute hundreds of millions of doses to the American public.

A widely accessible vaccine will protect American lives and help ensure life may return to normal. Ultimately, mass vaccine distribution will require a thoughtful approach designed to swiftly and safely deliver vaccines to our most vulnerable populations. Therefore, we are hoping you can share more about the Administration's plans to distribute a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccination and request a response to the following questions:

1. Which groups will be prioritized to receive a vaccine and why?
2. To what extent is existing immunization infrastructure being utilized for distribution plans? What resources are needed to ensure that the immunization information systems for tracking the administration of vaccinations and safety monitoring systems are ready for a national COVID-19 vaccination effort?
3. Will the distribution plan rely on provider offices and pharmacies, drive-through clinics, clinics at places like community centers and churches to administer the vaccine?
4. Is the supply chain capable of meeting US and global demand in order to distribute a vaccination to prioritized groups? Are there existing supply chain issues that pose significant threats to securely distributing a vaccine?
5. How will you ensure underserved and rural communities have access to vaccines?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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John Curtis
Member of Congress

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David B. McKinley, P.E.
Member of Congress

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Gus Bilirakis
Member of Congress

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Susan Wild
Member of Congress