

Overview COVID-19 – VACCINATION APPROACH

Country	Retail in strategy	Vaccination & distribution strategies
AT		-Ongoing discussions with Ministry of Health how the distribution to specifically created vaccination centres could be handled.
BE		- Vaccination has started in elderly homes, for residents and personnel all at the same time. Delivery of vaccines via hospitals. Afterwards, the vaccination will be available for the rest of the population in different phases, in 120 centres all over the country. -No role for pharmacists or FLH for the moment; Advocating with pharmacist union to play a roll in an eventually second phase
BG		- <u>Immunization plan</u> was drawn up based on the experience of countries like Germany and international institutions including the WHO. The first groups to be inoculated have been determined: doctors, nurses, orderlies, frontline police officers, followed by people over 70 years of age. To ensure glitch-free vaccination process, Bulgaria will be divided into six regions. In addition, mobile medical teams will be visiting places where large groups of people need to be inoculated such as retirement homes and schools
CH		- Currently set to receive two vaccines – 4.5 million for one (-20°C), 5.3million for the other one (2°C - 8°C). Pre-wholesalers will be in charge of storage and distribution of the vaccines candidate in the temperature range of -20°C, and the distribution will be managed with the help of the Swiss army. The 2°C-8°C vaccine will go through the normal supply chain, where wholesalers are involved and vaccinations will be offered in pharmacies
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CZ	No priority for retail/wholesale staff	-*SOCR CR is working to get “priority” recognition - <u>Czech vaccination strategy</u> : nearly half a million people should be vaccinated at the end of February and nearly 1 million at the end of March. As of April, the Czech Republic expects to get more than 1 million doses of the vaccine per month. About 40,000 people have been vaccinated in the Czech Republic so far.

		<p>- <u>New central reservation system for vaccination against COVID-19</u>: the aim is to offer those interested the convenient booking of vaccination dates and enabling access to a vaccination booking within the individual regions from a single spot. A point score will be calculated based on the registration and, together with the vaccine delivery plan, will determine when the person will be invited to book a specific date. More info in Press release</p> <p>-There is now legal framework for the vaccination, which is optional but fully reimbursed by health insurance funds. There exist 31 vaccination centres in big hospitals for vaccination with Pfizer and Moderna vaccines (due to temperature). With AZ vaccine approval, all general practitioners will join vaccination (approx. 5000 spots).</p> <p>-<u>Vaccination strategy</u> starts with health care professionals, social care workers and seniors aged 65+, patients with serious disease (oncologic, transplant, heavy diabetes, COPD etc.)</p> <p>-There are first negotiations about wholesalers involvement once Moderna vaccine will be approved</p>
DE		<p>- <u>Two-phase strategy</u>. During phase 1, the vaccination will be under control of the Federal and State Governments. Logistic hubs are set up on state level to distribute the vaccines to regional vaccination centres where patients, prioritized in 3 levels of high-risk groups shall receive primary access to vaccines. Staff of pharmaceutical wholesalers will get a right to be vaccinated on level 3. The vaccination centres are almost in place. Storage and transportation will be mainly executed by manufacturers / logistic partners. The duration of this phase is said to last until summer 2021. Second phase may see vaccines distributed through the regular supply chain by wholesalers and pharmacies. Regarding phase 2, no further details are known yet, as the government fully concentrates on phase 1.</p> <p>-Vaccination ongoing: intention to offer a vaccination appointment to all citizens by end of summer</p>
DK		<p>-<u>Vaccination plan</u>: priority is divided into 12 groups starting with elderly living in nursing homes in December and front staff (nurses, doctors etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January moving on to the elders with special needs and relatives with high risk among other patients with high risk. From February 80-85 years old • From March 75-79 years old • From April the rest of the categories • Everyone is planned to be vaccinated with both doses in June week 25
EE		<p>-Government has taken up first contacts and the aim is to vaccinate 70% of the population. There have been unofficial talks between our sector and the government, however usual distribution chains appear to be left out, at least at the beginning</p>
EL		

ES		<p>- Spanish government to buy 30 millions doses of Pfizer vaccine and will also buy 31 million doses of Astra Zeneca vaccine for a total of 61 million doses. As of now, they are not considering the pharmaceutical channel as an option.</p> <p>-<u>Vaccination strategy</u>:The priorities of the populations: old people, health workers and social workers , then chronic diseases patients (at-risk people) and finally the rest of the population. It is going to be voluntary. The vaccination is going to be carried out by nurses in primary health care centres</p>
FI		- Vaccine distribution tender finalized
FR	No priority for retail/wholesale staff	
GR		N/A
HR		N/A
HU		<p>-<u>Vaccination plan</u>: The groups to be vaccinated are 1) Healthcare professionals; 2) Nursery homes including employees; 3) People in the risk group over 60 years of age; 4) Police and officers in the frontline; 5) People between 18-59 years of age with chronicle diseases; 6) Employees in the critical infrastructures; 7) All other people between 18-59 years of age.</p> <p>The government implemented a website where people can register to get the vaccine, or they can register by post too. Until now almost 1.000.000 registrations are recorded.</p> <p>Vaccines available:</p> <p>During the last week of December, Hungary obtained more deliveries Pfizer vaccines, so the vaccination of the first group is in progress with Pfizer vaccines.</p> <p>6000 vials of vaccines arrived also from Russia for trials, which should be enough for 3000 volunteers</p>
IE		<p>-Ireland has commenced <u>distribution</u> of the Pfizer Biotech vaccine.</p> <p>- <u>Vaccination plan</u>: Phase One distribution sites include hospitals and nursing homes and will not include pharmacies or general practitioners. Phase Two is currently under review</p>
IS		
IT		<p>-Strategy plan for Covid-19 vaccines distribution is in progress</p> <p>-Hospital staff has been vaccinated</p> <p>-Federdistribuzione working with trade unions to get retail employees vaccinated sooner</p>
LT	No priority for retail/wholesale staff; pharmacists yes	-*LPJA approached the government with the proposal to include retail workers among those, providing "important social service".
LU		
LV		- <u>Distribution</u> : Baltics will receive the AstraZeneca string of vaccine, given by the Latvian Ministry of Health. Currently, 800 000 doses are reserved for 400 000 people. This will be done through full service

		healthcare distributors. Administration by pharmacies is still uncertain. Authorities have shared that they have the strategy for the vaccination and distribution, including the ultra-cold storage. As for the vaccination process, authorities refer to the same supply chain and procedure as with the flu vaccines
MT		
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NO		- <u>Distribution</u> : The Norwegian Institute of Public Health will be in charge of the vaccination together with the 386 municipalities of Norway. Govt has said that the vaccine will be free with 3 million available doses (1% of what EU is receiving). Knowing what kind of vaccine each person is getting is quite difficult but essential for the side effects reporting. Immunization programme, incl. vaccine distribution setup will be handled by Norwegian Institute of Public Health. NMD contacted NIPH to offer our services. No clarity on distribution setup as of yet. Sent reminder through Pharmacy Association * Sector trying to convince gov. to allow pharmacies to give vaccines
PL		- The Government published the National Strategy of Vaccine Distribution and started its consultations. The deadline for submitting the remarks – December 12, 2020. The documents specifies the Logistics and role of the wholesalers
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RO		- The national <u>anti-COVID vaccination strategy</u> will be approved on Friday, 27 of November in a Government sitting and country's Supreme Defense Council will examine and endorse the national anti-COVID-19 vaccination strategy on 3 December. An action plan has been put together and all official information concerning the vaccination campaign will be posted on a dedicated website
SE		- Tenders finalized for vaccine <u>distribution</u> . The vaccines will be distributed to one wholesaler and then to regions who will run local distribution. Pharmacies will not be involved, but ongoing discussion with government and Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions if pharmacist will be allowed to give the jabs. - <u>Vaccination plan</u> : The first vaccination against COVID-19 took place on 27th December. First in line are elderly people and then health workers. The goal is that everyone over 18 years old, and everyone under 18 years old that is in a risk group, is offered a vaccine during the first half of 2021. Numbers are lagging a bit, but as of January 17thth, ca 1,45% (ca 147.000) had been vaccinated. *Sector trying to convince gov. to allow pharmacies to give vaccines
SI		-Distribution: plan approved in December 2020; wholesalers and pharmacies are not involved in the vaccine distribution process. National Institute for Public Health took over distribution of the vaccine and a third party logistic providers have not been involved so far.

		<p>First delivery of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine was performed on December 26 and soon after the vaccination started according to the priority defined in the national strategy: old people in nursing homes and health workers. In next steps the other elderly people, and chronic diseases patients will be vaccinated and at last stage the rest of population.</p> <p>With all additional deliveries of the vaccine a2.265 people have been vaccinated so far in total. Vaccination is voluntary and it is not payable. As per publicly known information a first delivery of Moderna vaccine is expected in a one week time</p>
SK		
UK		<p>- Full-service healthcare <u>distributors</u> are currently distributing the 2 approved vaccines in England. UK Government programme is to vaccinate the whole of the adult UK population with two jabs (most vaccines will require two jabs within a month). Full-service healthcare distributors distribute the vaccines to all the English Primary Care vaccination sites, including village halls and stadiums.</p> <p>It has been decided that wholesalers will be involved in a collaborative approach. The NHS has realised that this will be a huge task, too difficult for any one agency to deliver. This explains the decision to work with/involve wholesalers in the distribution</p>

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