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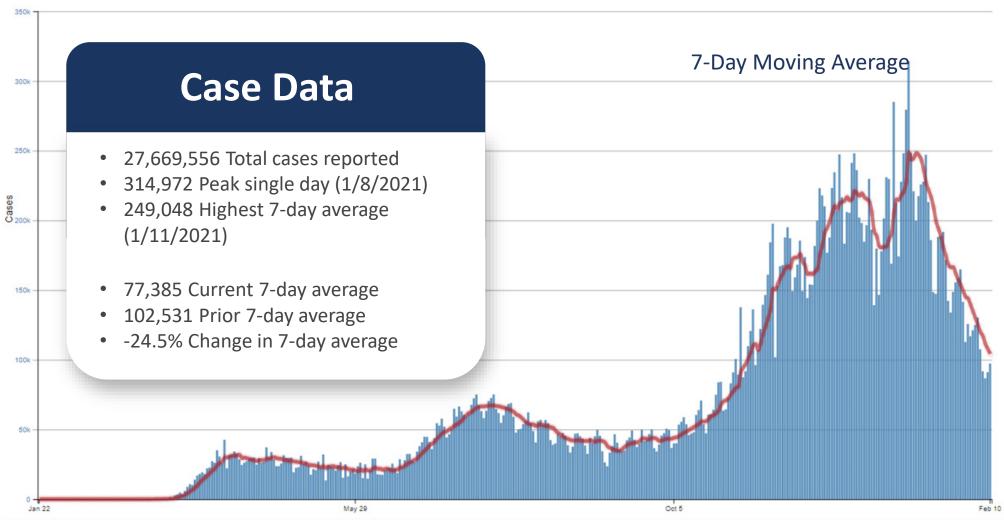
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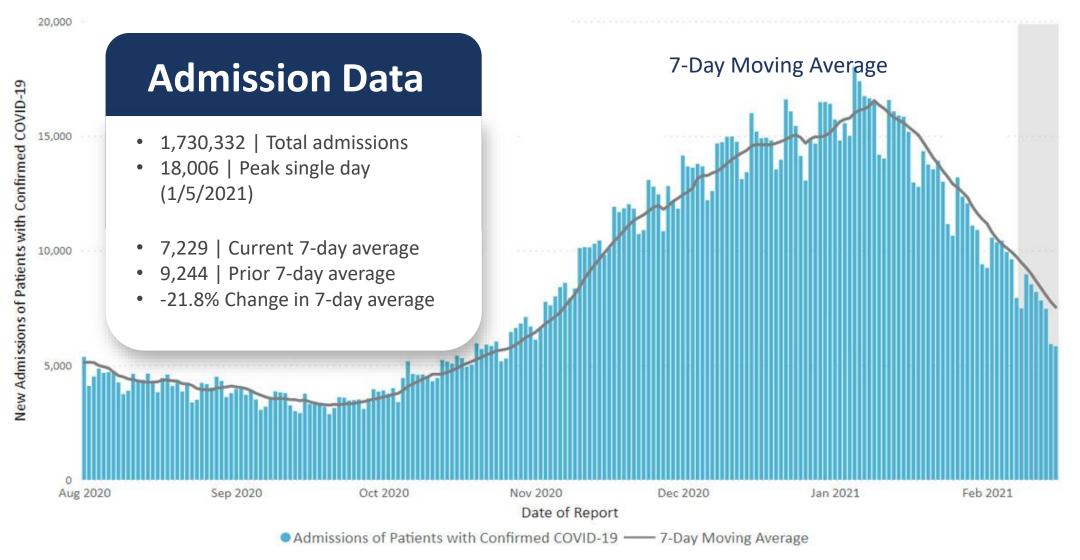


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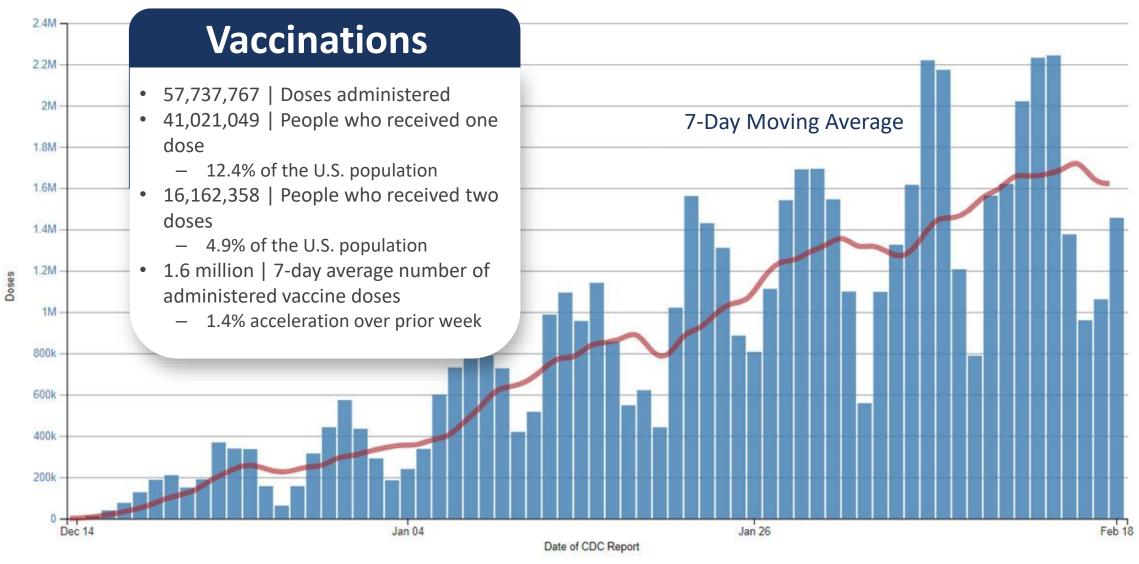
# Daily Trends in U.S. COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions – Feb. 19, 2021



https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html



# Daily Change in Number of U.S. COVID-19 Vaccinations – Feb. 19, 2021



https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html



# U.S. COVID-19 Vaccines With EUA Approval

	BNT162b2	mRNA-1273
Manufacturer	Pfizer & BioNTech	Moderna
EUA Approval	Yes	Yes
Platform	mRNA	mRNA
Phase 3 Study Population	<ul><li>43,538 participants enrolled</li><li>Age 12–85 years</li></ul>	<ul><li>30,000 participants enrolled</li><li>Age ≥18 years</li></ul>
Dosing	2 doses, 21 days apart 30 mcg/0.3 mL IM	2 doses, 28 days apart 100 mcg/0.5 mL IM
How Supplied	Solution for dilution in 6-dose vial	Solution in 10-dose vial
Storage & Stability	<ul> <li>6 months in ultra-low temp freezer at -60 C to -80°C</li> <li>15 days in thermal shipper at -60°C to -80°C</li> <li>14 days in standard freezer -25°C to -15°C (Pending FDA approval)</li> <li>5 days in fridge at 2°C to 8°C</li> <li>After dilution, 6 hours at room temperature</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>6 months in freezer at -20°C</li> <li>30 days in fridge at 2°C to 8°C</li> <li>12 hours at room temperature</li> <li>Once entered, 6 hours at room temperature</li> </ul>

https://clinicaltrials.gov

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/slides-2021-1-27-21.html



# **COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates**

Earliest Candidates in Phase 3 in the U.S. (without EUA)

	Ad26.COV2.S	AZD1222	NVX-CoV2373
Manufacturer	Janssen	AstraZeneca & University of Oxford	Novavax
Platform	Non-Replicating Viral Vector	Non-Replicating Viral Vector	Protein Subunit
Phase 3 Study Population	<ul><li>~43,000 participants</li><li>Age ≥18 years</li></ul>	<ul> <li>~30,000 participants planned</li> <li>Age ≥18 years</li> </ul>	<ul><li>~30,000 participants planned</li><li>Age ≥18 years</li></ul>
Dosing	$5 \times 10^{10} \text{ vp/0.5 mL IM},$ 1 dose	$5 \times 10^{10}$ vp/0.5 mL IM, 2 doses, 28 days apart	5 μg + 50 μg adjuvant/0.5 mL IM, 2 doses, 21 days apart
How Supplied	Solution in 5-dose vial	Solution in 10-dose vial	Solution in 10-dose vial
• 3 months at 2–8°C • Once entered, 6 hours at 2-8°C		<ul> <li>6 months at 2-8°C</li> <li>Once entered, 48 hours at 2–8°C or 6 hours at 20–25°C</li> </ul>	• 2–8°C
<b>Timeline</b> Feb 4 – filed for EUA Feb 26 – VRBPAC meeting		April 2021	U.S. & Mexico phase 3 enrollment expected to complete in mid-Feb.
<b>U.S. Dose Commitments</b> 100 million ± 200 million		300 million	100 million
Medicare Reimbursement	\$28.39	1 <sup>st</sup> dose: \$16.94 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose: \$28.39	TBD
Efficacy	U.S.: 72% Central & South America: 66% South Africa: 57%	UK: 74% Brazil: 64%	UK: 89% South Africa: 50%



# Janssen Phase 3 Interim Analysis

#### **ENSEMBLE 1 Trial**

Baseline Characteristic	N=43,783			
Age ≥60 years	34%			
Male	55%			
Race				
White/Caucasian	59%			
Black/African American	19%			
Native American	9%			
Asian	3%			
Ethnicity				
Hispanic and/or Latinx	45%			
Country				
U.S.	44%			
Central & South America	41%			
South Africa	15%			
Comorbidities				
Obesity	28.5%			
Type 2 diabetes	7.3%			
Hypertension	10.3%			
HIV	2.8%			

Outcome (starting 28 days post-vaccination)	Vaccine Efficacy
Moderate to severe COVD-19	66%
U.S.	72%
Central & South America	66%
South Africa	57%
Severe COVID-19	85%

- "Complete protection against COVID-related hospitalization and death, 28 days post-vaccination"
- No reported cases of COVID-19 requiring medical intervention among vaccine participants, 28 days post-vaccination
- In South Africa, 95% of COVID-19 cases were due to a SARS-CoV-2 variant from the B.1.351 lineage
- Fever: 9%; Grade 3 fever: 0.2%
- Serious adverse events were higher in placebo participants vs. vaccine participants
- No anaphylaxis observed

https://www.jnj.com/johnson-johnson-announces-single-shot-janssen-covid-19-vaccine-candidate-met-primary-endpoints-in-interim-analysis-of-its-phase-3-ensemble-trial



# AstraZeneca – UK, Brazil & South Africa Exploratory Analysis

## Timing of Booster Dose

Outcome (starting 14 days post-2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)			Vaccine Efficacy (95% CI)
Symptomatic COVID-19	84/8597 (1.0%)	248/8580 (2.9%)	66.7% (57.4, 74.0)
SD/SD	74/7201 (1.0%)	197/7178 (2.7%)	63.1% (51.8, 71.7)
<6 weeks	35/3900 (0.9%)	76/3860 (2.0%)	54.9% (32.7, 69.7)
6-8 weeks	20/1103 (1.8%)	44/1004 (4.4%)	59.9% (32.1, 76.4)
9-11 weeks	11/905 (1.2%)	32,/957 (3.3%)	63.7% (28.0, 81.7)
≥12 weeks	8/1293 (0.6%)	45/1356 (3.3%)	82.4% (62.7, 91.7)
LD/SD	10/1396 (0.7%)	51/1402 (3.6%)	80.7% (62.1, 90.2)
<6 weeks	0/15 (0.0%)	0,/15 (0.0%)	NR
6-8 weeks	0/12 (0.0%)	0/14 (0.0%)	NR
9-11 weeks	3/624 (0.5%)	20, 636 (3.1%)	NR (84.7% calculated)
≥12 weeks	7/745 (0.9%)	31/737 (4.2%)	NR (77.7% calculated)

LD/SD = low 1<sup>st</sup> dose/standard 2<sup>nd</sup> dose; SD/SD = standard 1<sup>st</sup> dose/standard 2<sup>nd</sup> dose

SD/SD efficacy was lower than LD/SD efficacy (63.1% vs 80.7%)

31% of SD/SD participants had 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> doses ≥9 weeks apart &

**98%** of LD/SD participants had 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> doses ≥9 weeks apart

Efficacy increased with longer intervals between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> doses

Suggests higher efficacy with LD/SD was because of longer dosing interval, not lower 1<sup>st</sup> dose

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=3777268







# SARS-CoV-2 Variants

Variant	Emerged	Date	Reported in U.S.	Spike Changes	Benefit to the Virus
B.1.1.7 (201/501Y.V1, VOC 202012/)	United Kingdom	9/2020	12/2020	8 changes in N501Y	Increased transmissibility, but early reports no impact on vaccine efficacy.
B.1.351 (20H/501Y.V2)	South Africa	10/2020	1/2021	10 changes N501Y, E484K, K417T/N	No evidence to suggest impact on disease severity.  One of the spike mutations may affect neutralization by some polyclonal & monoclonal antibodies.
P.1	Brazil	12/2020	1/2021	12 changes N501Y, E484K, K417T/N	Increased transmissibility & impact on antigenic profile, which may affect ability of antibodies previously generated through infection or vaccination to recognize and neutralize the virus.

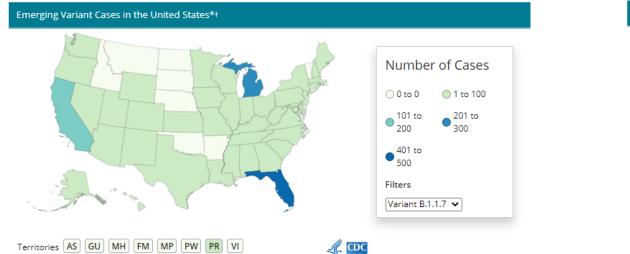
Resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variants. Available at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/scientific-brief-emerging-variants.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/scientific-brief-emerging-variants.html</a> Accessed: 2.13.2020

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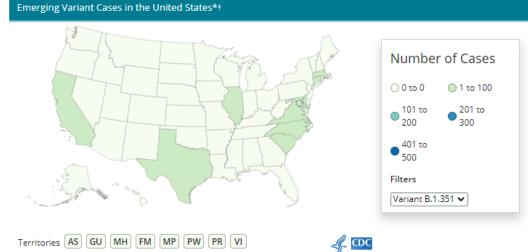


# Emerging Variant Cases in the United States – Feb. 21, 2021

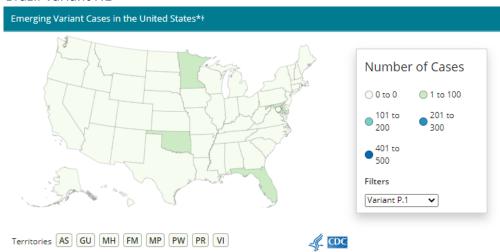
United Kingdom-Variant B.1.1.7







#### **Brazil Variant P.1**



https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant-cases.html



# AstraZeneca Exploratory Analyses

## **Efficacy Against Variant Strains**

## **B.1.1.7 Variant in UK Phase 2/3 Study**

Outcome (starting 15 days post-2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	AZD1222 (n=4236)	Control (n=4270)	Vaccine Efficacy (95% CI)
Symptomatic COVID-19	52 (1.2%)	198 (4.6%)	74.2% (65.0, 81.0)
B.1.1.7	7 (0.2%)	27 (0.6%)	74.6% (41.6, 88.9)
Other variants	12 (0.3%)	74 (1.7%)	84.1% (70.7, 91.4)
No sequence result	5 (0.1%)	20 (0.5%)	75.4% (34.3, 90.8)
Not sequenced	28 (0.7%)	77 (1.8%)	64.3% (44.9, 76.8)
Asymptomatic COVID-19	96 (2.3%)	112 (2.6%)	15.7% (-10.7, 35.8)
B.1.1.7	6 (0.1%)	8 (0.2%)	26.5% (-112.0, 74.5)
Other variants	6 (0.1%)	24 (0.6%)	75.4% (39.9, 89.9)
No sequence result	21 (0.5%)	16 (0.4%)	-28.7% (-146.6, 32.8)
Not sequenced	63 (1.5%)	64 (1.5%)	3.1% (-37.3, 31.6)

## **B.1.351 Variant in South Africa Phase 1/2 Study**

- "...a two-dose regimen of the ChAdOx1 nCoV-19
  vaccine provides minimal protection against mildmoderate COVID-19 infection from the B.1.351
  coronavirus variant first identified in South Africa"
- "Protection against moderate-severe disease,
  hospitalisation or death could not be assessed in this
  study as the target population were at such low risk."

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=3779160

https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2021-02-07-chadox1-ncov-19-provides-minimal-protection-against-mild-moderate-covid-19-infection





## Intent to receive COVID-19 Vaccine — CDC

## CDC data reported in Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report



Nguyen KH, Srivastav A, Razzaghi H, et al. COVID-19 Vaccination Intent, Perceptions, and Reasons for Not Vaccinating Among Groups Prioritized for Early Vaccination — United States, September and December 2020. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2021;70:217–222. DOI: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7006e3external">http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7006e3external</a> icon.



# Further Detail Regarding Hesitancy

CDC Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report

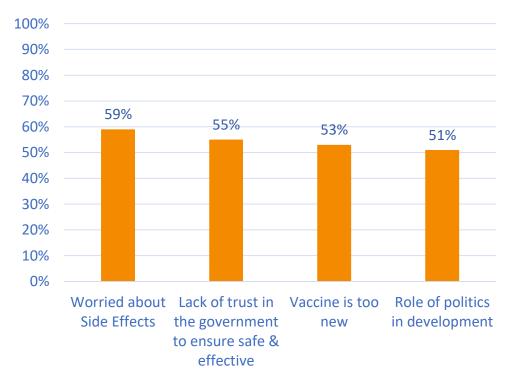
## Additional Data September to December, 2020

- Intent **not** to receive COVID 19 Vaccine
  - Males dropped from 33.8% to 27.8%
  - Female dropped from 42.1% to 36.0%
  - Employed dropped from 38.6% to 32.3%
  - Not employed/Not in workforce dropped 36.6% to 31.5%
- Concern about COVID-19 illness for self
  - Very/Somewhat concerned 27.6%-18.8%
  - Slightly/Not concerned 50.1%-51.3%
- Concern about side effects of vaccine for self
  - Very/Somewhat concerned 43.7%-40.5%
  - Slightly/Not concerned 28.9%-21.5%
- While the data is improving, we have a long way to go

Nguyen KH, Srivastav A, Razzaghi H, et al. COVID-19 Vaccination Intent, Perceptions, and Reasons for Not Vaccinating Among Groups Prioritized for Early Vaccination — United States, September and December 2020. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2021;70:217–222. DOI: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7006e3external">http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7006e3external</a> icon. Accessed2/15/2021

### KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: December 2020

# Among those identified as hesitant to receive COVID-19 Vaccine



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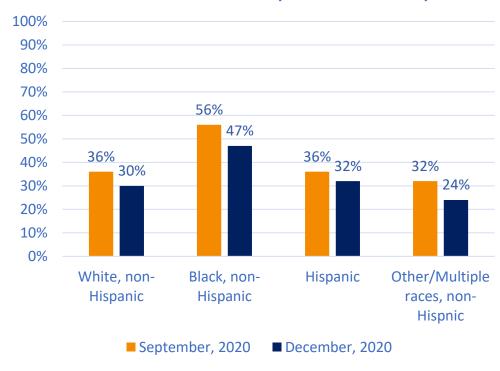
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# Race/Ethnicity Data

## CDC: Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report

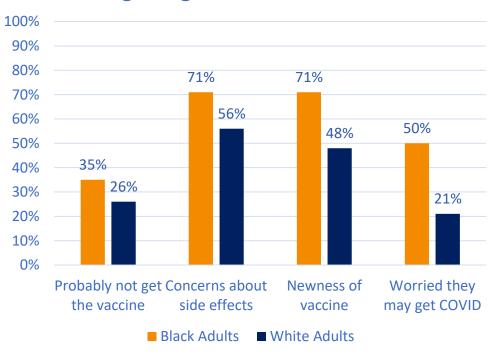
# Prevalence of intent not to receive COVID-19 vaccine by race/ethnicity



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#### KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor

# Vaccine current state and reasons for not getting the COVID-19 vaccine



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## Understanding Herd Immunity

Red = Contagious

Orange = Susceptible (no natural or vaccine-generated immunity)

Blue = Immunity (vaccine or natural)

- Once a high percentage of the community is immune to COVID-19 either due to vaccination or prior illness we can achieve herd immunity.
- We do not know what this number is for COVID-19, however it is being studied.



No immunity. Disease can spread easily from person to person.



People start to gain natural or vaccine-generated immunity. These people are protected for a period of time.



When enough people are immunized, the disease cannot easily spread to susceptible individuals.

CDC COVID-19 Frequently asked questions about COVID-19 Vaccination. Available at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html</a> Accessed 2.12.2021





# Strategies for Building Confidence in the COVID-19 Vaccines

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine

### Strategies for engaging communities to combat mistrust & build confidence

- Form partnerships with community organizations
- Engage with and center the voices and perspectives of trusted messengers who have roots in the community
- Engage across multiple, accessible channels
- Begin or continue working toward racial equity
- Allow and encourage public ownership of COVID-19 vaccination
- Measure and communicate inequities in vaccine distribution

## Communication strategies for ensuring demand for & promoting acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines

- Meet people where they are, and don't try to persuade everyone
- Avoid repeating false claims
- Tailor messages to specific audiences
- Adapt messaging as circumstances change
- Respond to adverse events in a transparent, timely manner
- Identify trusted messengers to deliver messages
- Emphasize support for vaccination instead of focusing on naysayers
- Leverage trusted vaccine endorsers
- · Pay attention to delivery details that also convey information

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2021. *Strategies for Building Confidence in the COVID-19 Vaccines*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. https://doi.org/10.17226/26068.





# Novavax UK Phase 3 Interim Analysis

Outcome (starting 7 days post-2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	NVX-CoV2373 (n=7,016)	Placebo (n=7,033)	Vaccine Efficacy (95% CI)
COVID-19	6	56	89.3% (75.2, 95.4)
Mild	1	15	Not reported
Moderate	5	40	Not reported
Severe	0	1	Not reported

•	Preliminary PCR data show >50% of cases
	attributable to UK 501Y.V1 escape variant
	(aka B.1.1.7 variant)

• 62 total COVID-19 cases in interim analysis

NVX-CoV2373 Placebo Safety (n=7,016)(n=7,033)Any severe treatment emergent AE 81 (1.1 %) 53 (0.7%) 31 (0.4%) 30 (0.4%) Any serious treatment emergent AE Any medically attended AE 202 (2.7%) 201 (2.8%) 100 total COVID-19 cases needed for final analysis

https://www.novavax.com/sites/default/files/2021-02/20210202-NYAS-Novavax-Final.pdf



# SARS-CoV-2 Variants: Implications for Vaccination

Following vaccination, study participant sera (n=8-20) tested in neutralization assays:

- Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine:
  - Studies demonstrated equivalent neutralizing titers against a panel of 19 individual SARS-CoV-2 spike variants and N501Y (variant) compared to wildtype virus
  - Reductions to neutralizing titers have been noted against the B.1.1.7 variant (all mutations):
    - √ 1.3-fold average reduction
    - ✓ 3.9 –fold median reduction
  - One study showed modest reduction (<3-fold) for some with neutralization against certain SARS-CoV-2 spike</li> mutations from B.1.351 and P.1 variants: E484K and K417N:E484K:N501Y
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine:
  - One study with modest reduction (<3-fold) for some with neutralization against certain SARS-CoV-2 spike</li> mutations from B.1.351 and P.1 variants: E484K and K417N:E484K:N501Y
  - Another study with no significant impact on neutralizing titers against B.1.1.7 variant, but 6-fold reduction for B.1.351 variant
  - Working on new vaccine for B.1.351 variant

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