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The Global COVID-19 Situation: Focus on India

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Overview of CDC Global COVID-19 Response

May 8, 2021
Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Week of Report and WHO Region (as of 02 May 2021)

January 03, 2020 - May 02, 2021

- **5,710,777** New Cases in Last 7 Days
- **93,538** New Deaths in Last 7 Days
- **5.9%** Percent Change in Weekly Deaths
- **-0.5%** Percent Change in Weekly Cases

Source: [https://covid19.who.int/](https://covid19.who.int/)
Average daily incidence over the past 7 days per 100,000 population (as of 02 May 2021)

Data Source: WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard
Trend - % change in cases from 7-day period compared to previous 7-day period (as of 02 May 2021)

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People Vaccinated per 100 People (as of 02 May 2021)

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People Vaccinated per 100 People by WHO Region
(as of 02 May 2021)

Source: https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations
Current situation (as of 04 May 2021)

- Cases are
  - Increasing in Southeast Asia Region
  - Plateauing in Americas, Europe, Africa, and Western Pacific regions
  - Decreasing in Eastern Mediterranean Region

- Countries reporting the most cases: India, Brazil, the United States, Turkey, and France

- Countries reporting the greatest increase (positive % change): Haiti, Ghana, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam

- Southeast Asia Region reported marked increases in cases and deaths
  - India accounts for
    - >90% of both cases and deaths in the region
    - 46% of global cases and 25% of global deaths
  - New deaths rose in two WHO regions; Southeast Asia (+19%) and Western Pacific (+1%)

- Vaccination is underway in 188 countries or territories (+2 countries)
  - Coverage remains highest in Americas and Europe, and lowest in Africa and parts of Asia
  - Small countries, the United Kingdom, and the United States appear to be reaching greater proportions of their population with at least one dose
Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Week of Report, Southeast Asia Region (as of 02 May 2021)

- Total Confirmed Cases: 22,675,230
- New Cases in Last 7 Days: 2,709,582
- Percent Change previous week (weekly cases): 19.4%
- Total Deaths: 280,220
- New Deaths in Last 7 Days: 25,262
- Percent Change in previous week (weekly deaths): 47.5%

Source: https://covid19.who.int/
Burden and Trends, Southeast Asia Region

10 Countries with Most New Cases per Week

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<td>31,806</td>
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<td>18,184</td>
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Data as of May 02, 2021
People Vaccinated per 100 People, Southeast Asia Region (as of 02 May 2021)

Top 10 countries with highest vaccination per 100 people

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¹ Average of last seven days to adjust for fluctuating daily administration of vaccine.
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Source: [https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations](https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations)
India – number of cases and 7-day moving average, key mitigation strategies

Epi curve with timeline of intervention May 2021

- Pre-lockdown
- Lockdown-1
- Lockdown-2
- Lockdown-3
- Lockdown-4
- Unlock 1.0
- Unlock 2.0
- Unlock 3.0
- Unlock 4.0
- Unlock 5.0
- 2nd wave

Daily confirmed cases
0 50,000 100,000 150,000 200,000 250,000 300,000 350,000 400,000

Date of reporting

- 1,230,314 cases
- Travel ban to affected countries
- International travel ban
- 3:24: Country wide lockdown
- Lockdown relaxation
- Trains for Migrants
- Liquor shops rush
- Trains between major cities
- Domestic Flights resumed
- Interstate movement allowed
- Lockdown mainly in containment zones
- Night curfew lifted
- New Guidelines for international arrivals
- Fewer restrictions
- Metro services resume
- Partial reopening of schools/colleges
- Cinema halls reopen
- Flights from UK banned
- First cases of B.1.1.7 detected
- 66 cases of B.1.1.7 detected
- Vaccination start for HCW
- Vaccination phase 2 (60+ years)
- Vaccination phase 3 (45+ years)
Variants of Concern/Interest in India

- >11 thousand sequences available (GISAID)
- 1,298 are B.1.617
- Other variants of concern (B.1.1.7 and B.1.351 and P1) have also been detected
- Surge in cases is likely multifactorial

*incomplete reporting week
CDC Global COVID-19 Support
CDC COVID-19 Global Strategy

Limit transmission of COVID-19; minimize the impact of COVID-19 in vulnerable populations; reduce specific health threats that pose current and future risk to the United States; increase the scientific knowledge about SARS-CoV-2 and provide global public health leadership; and support the development of long-term health security.

CDC’s global COVID-19 response aims to:

- **STRENGTHEN** global capacity at country and regional levels to prevent, detect, and respond to COVID-19 cases.

- **INCREASE** national and global readiness to implement and evaluate vaccination programs and use therapeutics when available.

- **PREVENT & MITIGATE** COVID-19 transmission across borders, in communities, in healthcare facilities, and among healthcare workers.

- **CONTRIBUTE** to the scientific understanding of COVID-19 and address critical unknowns regarding clinical severity, modes of transmission, and long-term sequelae and immunity.
**Strategic Priority Areas**

CDC’s funding for international COVID-19 preparedness and response is supporting activities in five priority technical areas:

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COVID-19 in Rural India

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COVID-19 daily new cases in India

Daily New Cases

16th Sept 2020
97,859

7th May 2021
401,326
Rural : urban distribution of the pandemic

Rural India reports alarming rise in infections

India’s second wave has gained traction in the country’s rural hinterland, where health care infrastructure is weaker than in urban areas, at a much faster rate than it did during the first wave of the outbreak, shows data. By Abhishek Jha

Rapid shift of virus to India’s hinterland

Rural areas in India started contributing more cases than urban areas five months after the first locally transmitted case of the Covid-19 infection was detected in March, 2020. In the ongoing second wave that started in February, this has taken just two months. Here’s how the infection is impacting the urban and rural areas currently.

Urban areas have had a greater share than rural areas in new cases of Covid-19 infection in 9 months out of 15 from March, 2020 to May, 2021. The infection began with urban areas reporting 1.0 times the cases in rural areas in March, 2020. This number increased to 1.2 and 2.0 in April, May, and June last year, before it started declining. Rural areas, had a greater share than urban areas in new cases only from August. This phase lasted until October last year before both areas reported roughly the same number of cases for three months. In February, when the second wave showed signs of beginning, urban areas again took a lead, only for rural areas to emerge as a bigger source of cases two months later in April.

Share of cases in urban and rural areas (%)

The role played by population

To be sure, it is not very surprising for rural areas to report more cases than urban areas. 78% of India’s population lives in rural areas, which for this analysis, include districts with more than 40% of population living in rural areas according to the 2011 census. Urban areas, or districts where less than 40% of the population is rural, house only 14%. However, urban areas likely report more cases generally because of a higher populations density – which makes it easier for the infection to spread – or possibly even due to better testing. Naturally, cases per million population have always been higher in urban areas. However, the gap between urban and rural areas has reduced. Cases per million in urban areas were 1.8 times that in rural areas in the first four days of May. This urban has been lower than this only in August and September last year.

Cases per million population

What it means for saving lives

When the pandemic began, both urban and rural areas had a high case fatality rate (CFR), with urban areas having a much higher CFR owing to their higher load of cases per million population. With knowledge about possible treatments increasing, CFR is now lower than the early days of the pandemic in both urban and rural areas. The gap between the CFR in these two areas is now largely a reflection of their healthcare infrastructure and the lead they are being in terms of cases per million. For instance, rural areas had a higher CFR towards the end of the first wave this year when cases were less everywhere. This is possibly a reflection of their poorer healthcare infra. As cases have risen in April and May, the CFR in urban areas has caught up with that in rural areas despite the former’s access to better resources.

Note: Data for May 2021 only up to May 4. Source: How India Lives, 2011 census.
Trends of share of confirmed cases in urban and rural areas (%)

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<td>4</td>
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<td>August</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14 (2)</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>126</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>13 (5)</td>
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<td>October</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>7 (2)</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Jan-Mar 2021</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>152</td>
<td>143</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>15 (10)</td>
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<td>May (1 - 6)</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>59</td>
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*From a large rural hospital in Bissumcuttack, Odisha*

*Personal communication, Dr JC Oommen*
Some observations from Odisha

• Worst outcomes are for:
  – Elderly
  – Those with poorly controlled Diabetes
  – CKD and
  – (Big stomachs): obese!
  – Even people around 30 years old are dying

• Tribal community is least affected in both waves
From a tribal rural hospital in Chattisgarh: Apr 2021

• 390 COVID admissions-
  – 115 confirmed
  – 275 suspected
• 81 deaths
  – 24 among confirmed
  – 41 among less than 30 years
• Tribals and non-tribals
• Often on day 5th or 6th
• With very low oxygen levels

*Personal communication, Dr Priyadarsh*
Trends in a 25,000 rural population, Rajasthan

COVID-19 Cases

Data from PHC Nithauwa
Some observations from Rajasthan

• Started rising in End-April
• Rapid transmission – started from non-tribal villages, and now spreading to tribal hamlets
• About 10-20% of village households are affected, almost all family members in a given household
• City hospitals are getting swamped
• Apparently most deaths among non-tribals
Some common observations across

• Fear to get tested, because it is believed that once identified with COVID-19, they will be “taken away”
• COVID-19 is a disease affecting city dwellers
• It is not corona, it is “typhoid”
• Stay at home, go to faith healers or quacks.
• Vaccination is to “kill us”
Summary

• Rural India is progressively affected
  – Curves different in different states and districts
• Much higher numbers than the first wave
  – Higher infectivity
  – ? Higher mortality
  – Higher proportion of deaths among younger
• Tribals not spared unlike first wave
  – Is mortality lesser than among non-tribals?
• Testing has given way to “syndromic” approach
What is required?

• Relevant, context specific communication
  – Congregations
  – Isolation
  – TRUST
• Assisted home care
• Decentralised COVID care centers:
  – Oxygen/ standards of care
COVID-19 Pandemic in India: The “Triple Threat”

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN INDIA: THE TRIPLE THREAT

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THE PARADIGM OF THE PANDEMIC TRIPLE THREAT

**The pandemic** (true facts about disease, death and suffering)

**The panic-epidemic** (Anger & irrational fear of future disease and suffering)

**Infodemic** of misinformation
INDIA: THE PANDEMIC
(TRUE FACTS ABOUT DISEASE, DEATH AND SUFFERING)

Problems & possible solutions

• We need accurate data about disease, death & suffering
• What’s the numerator? : + tests (SARS cov2), disease (covid-19) metrics, death & suffering (severe & critical disease) metrics, genomic surveillance data (b1-617 variants vs ancestral SARS cov-2), complications & effects of interventions
• What’s the Denominator?: All people in a community or those tested or those "at risk”?
• Assessment of inappropriate & appropriate resource utilization
• Implementation of appropriate resource utilization
• Procurement and rapid distribution of needed resources to health care facilities
INDIA: PANIC EPIDEMIC
(ANGER AND IRRATIONAL FEAR OF FUTURE DISEASE, DEATH & SUFFERING)

Problems

• panic is often vague visceral & personal ("many" of "my people or loved ones" will suffer and die of covid-19 & this is "X's" fault
  -X- government's, the "other" political group, an organization (e.g. WHO, CDC)

• Normal fear is a natural & rational response to facts, which leads to responsible evidence based action

• Panic is irrational, exaggerated and leads to non-beneficial & potentially harmful actions. It often results in blame & demands from others

Possible solutions

• Build trust & hope by communicating facts & celebrating success in improving "pandemic facts & figures"

• Inspiring personal & collective narratives about compassion & overcoming adversity

• Promote a culture of collective & collaborative responsible action than of blame

• Educate and "nudge" rather than enforce
INDIA: INFODEMIC OF MISINFORMATION

• Misinformation starts with imperfect and incomplete facts...
• Couples it with extrapolations & epidemiological biases
• then adds cognitive biases & logical fallacies

e.g. -  
- **Fact:** Hydroxychloroquine decrease viral loads in a case series.
- **Extrapolation & epidemiological bias:** So hydroxychloroquine treatment will decrease transmission & prevent death
- **Cognitive bias & logical fallacy:** Millions of People are dying of covid-19 & all this unnecessary death & suffering could have been prevented if only we used hydroxychloroquine extensively very early in the pandemic

Possible solutions

• Educating public, providers, policy makers & politicians about the true facts on disease burden, transmission, accurate evidence based prevention & treatment.
• Promote proven evidence based COVID-19 prevention & management strategies & interventions
• Discourage unproven or disproven interventions or solutions, which are based on fear and speculative theories than on facts.
SARS-CoV-2 Variants and India

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Rapidly evolving information with more to come ....
Variant of interest:

• Genetic markers associated with changes to receptor binding, reduced neutralization by antibodies against previous infection or vaccination, reduced efficacy of treatments, potential diagnostic impact, or predicted increase in transmissibility or disease severity

• Examples: B.1.526, P.2

Variant of concern: evidence of increased transmissibility, more severe disease, significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination, reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines, or diagnostic detection failures

- Examples: B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1, B.1.427, B.1.429

Variant of high consequence: clear evidence that prevention measures/medical countermeasures have significantly reduced effectiveness

- Examples: none

B.1.617

- B.1.617, B.1.17 and other lineages circulating in India but sequencing information currently limited
- Contains several mutations that may have phenotypic impact
  - L452R and E484Q: receptor binding domain that interacts with ACE2
  - P681R: polybasic cleavage site
- Sub-lineages: B.1.617.1, B.1.617.2, B.1.617.3

Hoffmann M et al, bioRxiv

# B.1.617: CDC Variant of Interest

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<td>(T95I), G142D, E154K, L452R, E484Q, D614G, P681R, Q1071H</td>
<td>• Potential reduction in neutralization by some monoclonal Ab treatments</td>
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<td>B.617.2</td>
<td>T19R, (G142D), Δ156, Δ157, R158G, L452R, <strong>T478K</strong>, D614G, P681R, D950N</td>
<td>• Potential reduction in neutralization by post-vaccination sera</td>
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B.1.617: Effect on Neutralization by Post-Vaccination Sera

- Preliminary non-peer reviewed pre-prints
  - Yadav PD et al: sera from 28 BBV152 (Covaxin) vaccinated individuals: neutralization of B.1.617 within 2-fold of prototype strain B1 (D614G)
  - Hoffmann M et al (pseudovirus assay): plasma from 15 BNT162b2 (Pfizer) vaccinees: 3-fold reduction compared to wild-type spike protein

Note: Preliminary, non-peer reviewed studies. Correlation between lab results and vaccine effectiveness not known.

### B.1.617: US CDC Variant of Interest

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- B.1.617.2 does not have 484K mutation.
- Contains mutation, 478K, that can be selected for in vitro by monoclonal antibodies
• B.1.617.2 escalated to variant of concern on 6 May 2021.
• “It is assessed as having at least equivalent transmissibility to B.1.1.7 based on available data (moderate confidence).”
• Insufficient data currently to assess the potential for immune escape.
# B.1.617: May 8, 2021

**Map of tracked variant occurrence**

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Note: Small numbers, potential confounders limit ability to draw conclusions

[https://www.gisaid.org/hcov19-variants/](https://www.gisaid.org/hcov19-variants/)
COVID-19 outbreak highlighting importance of finding better treatments, particularly oral agents, to prevent progression and transmission
Treatment Across the COVID-19 Spectrum

Stage/Severity:
- Asymptomatic/Presymptomatic: + SARS-CoV-2 test but no symptoms
- Mild Illness: Mild symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, taste/smell changes); no dyspnea
- Moderate Illness: O₂ saturation >=94%, lower respiratory tract disease
- Severe Illness: O₂ saturation <94%, respiratory rate >30/min; lung infiltrates >50%
- Critical Illness: Respiratory failure, shock, multi-organ dysfunction/failure

Disease Pathogenesis:
- Viral replication
- Hypercoagulability

Potential treatment:
- Antivirals
- Remdesivir
- Dexamethasone
- In some patients: tocilizumab, baricitinib (with RDV)

Outpatient treatment
- Bam/ete or casi/imdev
  (high risk outpatients with mild-mod COVID)

Inpatient treatment
- Therapeutic anticoagulation?
Conclusions

• Role of variants in the COVID-19 surge in India and their effect on vaccination is under active investigation

• We need better treatments for COVID-19, particularly oral agents, to prevent progression and transmission
  • Need to double down on efforts to find out what does (and doesn’t) work
Extra Slides
Variants and Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies: In Vitro Studies

- **B.1.1.7**
  - Susceptible to bam/ete, casi/imdev.
- **B.1.351, P.1**
  - 484K: marked reduction in susceptibility to bam/ete, bam
  - K417N and E484K: reduce casi activity; casi/imdev appears to retain activity
- **B1.429/B.1.427 (20C/CAL.20C)**
  - L452R: marked reduction in susceptibility to bam; modest reduction in susceptibility to bam/ete
- **B.1.526**
  - Sometimes has E484K: marked reduction in susceptibility to bam; decrease in susceptibility to bam/ete; may reduce casi activity; casi/imd retain susceptibility

**Clinical impact of in vitro susceptibilities unknown**

India

cases
21,094,875: today  + 412,499
20,682,376: yesterday ↑ 2%

deaths
230,659: today  + 3,984
226,675: yesterday ↑ 2%

cumulative cases
new cases per day
new deaths per day

Variantsof Concern & Interest

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https://outbreak.info/
Lineage prevalence over time in India

B.1.617.1 (36%)
B.1.617.2 (16%)
B.1.1.7 (11%)
B.1 (10%)
Other (8%)
B.1.1 (4%)
B.1.36.29 (3%)
B.1.351 (3%)
B.1.311 (2%)
B.1.618 (2%)
B.1.525 (2%)
B.1.1.306 (1%)
B.1.617.3 (1%)

https://outbreak.info/
The Indian variant subtype B.1.617.2 is spreading faster in the UK than other imported variants

Each variant’s share of all sequenced UK cases of Covid-19

Source: FT analysis of COG-UK data
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What Can be Done to Increase Vaccine and Reduce Spread?

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Professor of Medicine
Associate Dean for Regional Campus
Director, Transplant and Immunocompromised Host Infectious Disease Program
University of California, San Francisco
What can be done to 💯 vaccine uptake & 💪 spread

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UCSF
May 8, 2021
Supply  vs  Demand
Outline

• Supply
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Vaccines: Variable administration globally

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Updated 5/7/21
Highest income countries getting vaccinated 25X more

Uneven Access to Vaccines

Least wealthy | | | | | Most wealthy

The wealthiest 27 places have 35.4% of the vaccinations...

Vaccines

- India
- Mainland China
- U.S.

Hover for more comparisons

Population

- India
- Mainland China

...but 10.5% of the world’s population

Note: Vaccine access calculations account for the number of doses needed for full protection; some vaccines require a two-dose regimen while others require just a single dose. Countries and regions are ordered by GDP per capita (PPP).

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Updated 5/7/21
The US pre-paid for 1.2 billion vaccines

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<th>Vaccine</th>
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<th>Number of people that could be vaccinated</th>
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<td>300 million</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>1.2 billion</td>
<td>700 million</td>
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<td>U.S. Population</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>331 million</td>
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<td>Potential “Surplus”</td>
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NOTES: * Not yet authorized by the FDA for use in the U.S.
### What can the US (and others) do?

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<th>Can still do</th>
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<td>Donate vaccines</td>
<td>4 million AZ to Mexico, Canada</td>
<td>Give more and to more countries</td>
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<td>60 million AZ promised to India</td>
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<td>Fund global vaccine efforts</td>
<td>$4 billion to COVAX</td>
<td>Give more $</td>
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<td>Give others (eg World Bank)</td>
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<td>Expand manufacturing</td>
<td>Enacted Defense Production Act</td>
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Updated 5/8/21
Vaccine hesitancy is a global phenomenon

Would you grab the jab?
“If a vaccine to prevent coronavirus were available right now at no cost, would you agree to be vaccinated?”, % responding yes, Aug 2020-Feb 2021

Source: Gallup

The Economist
African Americans and vaccine trust

35% Blacks still NOT willing to get vaccine

Willingness To Get COVID-19 Vaccine Has Increased Across Racial/Ethnic Groups

If a COVID-19 vaccine was determined to be safe by scientists and available for free to everyone who wanted it, would you…?

- Definitely/Probably get it
- Definitely/Probably NOT get it

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<td>71%</td>
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Black doctors want to vet vaccine process, worried about mistrust from years of medical racism

Jeremiah Young, 11, receives one of a series of vaccinations during his back-to-school physical exam with Dr. Janice Bacon, Aug. 14, 2020, while at the Community Health Care Center on the Tougaloo College campus in Tougaloo, Miss. A Black primary care physician practicing in Mississippi for nearly four decades, Bacon works at an all-African American-run trio of community health centers in Hinds County, where the population is overwhelmingly Black — and where the most coronavirus cases have been reported in the state. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)
Vulnerable populations
For example, racial/ethnic minorities and those from low socioeconomic backgrounds

Poor cardiovascular outcomes related to COVID-19
- Myocardial infarction
- Arrhythmias
- Blood clots
- Stroke
- Myocarditis
- Heart failure
- Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION
COVID-19 testing challenges
- Accessibility
- Mistrust
- Outreach
- Financial
- Digital divide
- Transportation

Limitations of COVID-19 clinical trials
- Usually performed at large academic centres with differential commitment to vulnerable populations
- Majority of clinical trials participants are from the USA, Western Europe and Asia (particularly Japan and China)
- Lack of vulnerable patient groups (such as racial/ethnic minorities or individuals from low socioeconomic backgrounds)
- Lack of principal investigators from under-represented racial/ethnic backgrounds in medicine

Need for equitable government and public health oversight

Potential solutions

• Listen, acknowledge & validate
• Educate & dispel myths
• Diversify workforce
• Engage with community

• The key “is for them to feel a sense of empowerment and control over their own health and their own decisions"

Lisa Cooper, MD
Potential solutions

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  • Treats
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**The Incentive of a Monetary Payment**

People were asked: Would this work for you? Would you be more or less willing to get a vaccine if you received ...

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Net increase is in percentage points

Source: Data from the U.C.L.A. COVID-19 Health and Politics Project, N = 14,557. March 24-April 14. These data are from a randomized controlled experiment assigning respondents to different monetary incentives to get vaccinated. This question was asked of 7,249 people who had not yet been vaccinated.

• By The New York Times

New York Times
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Myth: I could get COVID from the vaccine
Reality: Nope

- Live Virus = Infection
- Vaccine = No Live Virus

The vaccine trains your immune system to recognize the virus so it can leap into action to protect you if you’re infected.

COVID future
Have fun
Thank you

chellyfst Chelly - 4:8
this shit better work so my arm doesn’t hurt tomorrow fr
#vaccinated #vaccine #pfizergang #vaccinequeen #fyp #foryou
🎵 Please Don't Go - Mike Posner
Q&A and Discussion
An online community bringing together information and opportunities for discussion on latest research, guidelines, tools and resources from a variety of medical subspecialties around the world.

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CDC-IDSA Partnership: Clinical Management Call Support

FOR WHOM?
- Clinicians who have questions about the clinical management of COVID-19

WHAT?
- Calls from clinicians will be triaged by CDC to a group of IDSA volunteer clinicians for peer-to-peer support

HOW?
- Clinicians may call the main CDC information line at 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)
- To submit your question in writing, go to www.cdc.gov/cdc-info and click on Contact Form

cdc.gov/coronavirus
Continue the conversation on Twitter

@RealTimeCOVID19
#RealTimeCOVID19

We want to hear from you!
Please complete the post-call survey.

Next Call: Sat., May 15

A recording of this call will be posted at www.idsociey.org/cliniciancalls

-- library of all past calls now available --

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