

# Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives in Rwanda

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First mRNA vaccine doses delivered to the African continent will be used to vaccinate at-risk, front-line healthcare workers

**NEW YORK and MAINZ, GERMANY, March 3, 2021** - Pfizer and BioNTech, in partnership with UNICEF, today announced the arrival of the first doses of their COVID-19 Vaccine in Rwanda through the COVAX Facility.

This is the companies' first delivery to a COVAX Advanced Market Commitment (AMC) country of their mRNA vaccine. The almost 103,000 doses will be used to vaccinate atrisk, front-line healthcare workers across the country.

"These are the first doses of an mRNA vaccine to arrive on the African continent – an important milestone for the region, for Rwanda, and for the global health partners working tirelessly to fight this pandemic," said Janine Small, Pfizer Global President for Emerging Markets. "The delivery of these doses and the subsequent vaccinations demonstrate that global partners can work together to create the conditions that ensure developing countries can benefit from a new generation of vaccines. We will continue to work closely with COVAX, its partners, and the countries receiving doses of our vaccine to achieve our shared goal of securing equitable access for COVID-19 vaccines for all people around the world."

"SARS-CoV-2 does not differentiate between borders – a global pandemic requires comprehensive solutions and worldwide collaborations between companies, governments and global institutions. Our goal is to make vaccines accessible worldwide and today's delivery to Rwanda is a great step forward. We will continue to work with COVAX to make COVID-19 vaccines available in many more low- and lower-middle-income countries and

help protect vulnerable people worldwide," said Ugur Sahin, M.D., CEO and Co-founder of BioNTech.

Pfizer and BioNTech have already supplied doses through COVAX to South Korea and Colombia and will continue supplying doses to a number of diverse economies in all regions of the world, including a number of low and lower-middle income countries, as part of the up to 40 million doses the companies have committed to the Facility through 2021.

The vaccine, which is based on BioNTech's proprietary mRNA technology, was developed by both BioNTech and Pfizer. BioNTech is the Marketing Authorizations Holder in the European Union, and the holder of emergency use authorizations or equivalent in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and other countries in advance of a planned application for full marketing authorizations in these countries.

### **AUTHORIZED USE:**

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 Vaccine is authorized for use under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for active immunization to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in individuals 16 years of age and older.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has not been approved or licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for use in individuals 16 years of age and older. The emergency use of this product is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of the medical product under Section 564 (b) (1) of the FD&C Act unless the declaration is terminated or authorization revoked sooner. Please see Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine (Vaccination Providers) and Full EUA Prescribing Information available at www.cvdvaccine.com.

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:**

Do not administer Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to individuals with known history of a severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Appropriate medical treatment used to manage immediate allergic

reactions must be immediately available in the event an acute anaphylactic reaction occurs following administration of Pfizer- BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Monitor Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine recipients for the occurrence of immediate adverse reactions according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines (https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/). Immunocompromised persons, including individuals receiving immunosuppressant therapy, may have a diminished immune response to the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 Vaccine. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect all vaccine recipients. In clinical studies, adverse reactions in participants 16 years of age and older included pain at the injection site (84.1%), fatigue (62.9%), headache (55.1%), muscle pain (38.3%), chills (31.9%), joint pain (23.6%), fever (14.2%), injection site swelling (10.5%), injection site redness (9.5%), nausea (1.1%), malaise (0.5%), and lymphadenopathy (0.3%). Severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, have been reported following the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine during mass vaccination outside of clinical trials. Additional adverse reactions, some of which may be serious, may become apparent with more widespread use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Available data on Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine administered to pregnant women are insufficient to inform vaccine-associated risks in pregnancy. Data are not available to assess the effects of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine on the breastfed infant or on milk production/excretion. There are no data available on the interchangeability of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 Vaccine with other COVID-19 vaccines to complete the vaccination series. Individuals who have received one dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine should receive a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to complete the vaccination series. Vaccination providers must report Adverse Events in accordance with the Fact Sheet to VAERS at http s://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html or by calling 1-800-822-7967. The reports should include the words "Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA" in the description section of the report. Vaccination providers should review the Fact Sheet for Information to Provide to Vaccine Recipients/Caregivers and Mandatory Requirements for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Under Emergency Use Authorization.

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