
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MINISTRY OF HEALTH - COVID VACCINATION CAMPAIGN 2021

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION

FIRST ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

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PURPOSE

- The purpose of the presentation is to brief the private business sector and its representative of the plans of the Ministry of Health for vaccinating the population of Trinidad and Tobago against COVID-19 and to share and discuss ideas for possible collaboration between the Ministry of Health and the Private Business Sector to achieve this goal.

MACRO INTENT

- ... slow contagion, prevent infection spread, and 'Flatten the Curve'
- ... prioritize protection of vulnerable populations to avoid preventable death
- ... to achieve Herd Immunity (~75% of population)
- ... Get back to "normalcy"

OBJECTIVE OF PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

To complement and **scale-up** the MOH COVID-19 **VOLUNTARY** Vaccination Campaign, 2021

- increase vaccine capacity
- speed up vaccine rollout
- improve vaccine communication

ASSUMPTIONS

- Sufficient vaccines > 100,000
- Vaccine supply-chain would be consistent with limited interruptions for both first and booster dose
- Single Vaccine Sites at a time until both doses of the vaccine are administered
- Agree to the **Terms and Conditions** of the MOH for administration of BOTH vaccine doses
- **STRICT** adherence to MOH Policy, Protocols, and SOP as directed, including:
 - Do NOT turn away policy
 - No CHARGE to clients/public for the vaccine

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

1. Transparency and Ethics
2. Social Equity, Social Justice and Fairness
3. Standards of Practice
4. Evidence-Based on Available Science
5. Justifiable Need

RISKS

- Liability
- Data Management /Double Counting / Need for single source information entry /CONFIDENTIALITY
- Fraud / Theft / Wastage
- Leadership/Oversight, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Coordination, Logistics, and Scheduling
- Sufficient Human Resources / IR
- Cannibalization of Public HCW- RN and DHV Staff
- Adverse Event Management
- Negative Publicity/Reputational Risk

VACCINATION GROUPS BY PRIORITY AND RISK

Phase I

- **GROUP I:** High Risk/High Exposed Health Care Workers (Starting today)
- **GROUP II:** Frontline Public Health Care Workers
- **GROUP III:** Direct Health Care Providers (Public and Private)
- **GROUP IV:** Patients with Chronic Illnesses
- **GROUP V:** Elderly, i.e., >60

Phase II

- **GROUP VI:** Frontline Workers: Essential and Special
Teachers, Oil and Energy Workers, Police, Army, Coast Guard, Regional Corporations' Sanitation Workers, Prison Officers, Customs and Immigration Officers, Port Authority, Airport Authority, WASA, T&TEC, etc.
- **GROUP VII:** Patients in Mental Health Facilities
- **GROUP VIII:** Prisoners
- **Group IX:** General Population

NON-VACCINATION GROUPS

- Pregnant Women ~ 15,000
- Breast Feeding Mothers
- Children <18 ~ 382,630 for 2020 = 28% (27.996%) of the total population
- Immunocompromised (Physician Determined)

OUR TARGET

- 1,000,000 by end of the year 2021

VACCINATION PROJECTIONS / ASSUMPTIONS

TARGET	100% UPTAKE		75% UPTAKE		60% UPTAKE		50% UPTAKE	
	No. of Persons	No. of Doses	No. of Persons	No. of Doses	No. of Persons	No. of Doses	No. of Persons	No. of Doses
100% Coverage Less >18 years	984,095	1,968,190	738,071	1,476,143	590,457	1,180,914	492,048	984,095
Herd Immunity (75%)	738,071	1,476,143	553,553	1,107,107	442,843	885,686	369,036	738,071



VACCINE SUPPLY

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- I. **COVAX Facility**
- II. **The African Union/African Medicines Council**
- III. **CARICOM Initiative with India**
- IV. **Direct Bilateral Discussion with five (5) vaccine manufacturers:**

VACCINE SOURCES, QUANTITIES AND TENTATIVE DATES

I. COVAX Facility

- First Delivery expected by March 2021 between **100,000 and 117,000-120,000** doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine
- GORTT paid US\$1.477 or \$10 million to COVAX on September 29, 2020 as a down payment
- Total allocation to cover **33% of population** – 20% Phase I and 13% Phase II (**923,000 Doses**)

II. The African Union/African Medicines Council

- TT allocation - **226,000** doses (CARPHA determined) of vaccine out of a CARICOM allocation via the African Medical Supplies Platform

III. CARICOM Initiative with India

- Ask is for **250,000** Covishield vaccines doses (**not COVAXIN**)

IV. Direct Bilateral Discussion with five (5) vaccine manufacturers:

- Pfizer (Commenced December 2020) Confidentiality Agreement in place
- Moderna (October 2020)
- Astra Zeneca (October 2020)
- Sinopharm
- Johnson and Johnson (to begin once Emergency Use approval is granted)

WHO ARE THE PRIVATE SECTOR PLAYERS?

Private Sector

- Banking and Finance
- Insurance
- Energy, Energy Industries /Oil and Gas
- Manufacturing
- Commercial/Retail
- Telecommunications/Media/Advertising
- Entertainment
- Various Chambers



Private Hospitals

- West Shore Medical
- St. Clair Medical Centre/ Medcorp Limited
- Community Hospital of the SDA
- Medical Associates Hospital
- Health Net Caribbean Limited
- Southern Medical Clinic
- GulfView Medical
- St. Augustine Private Hospital

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Clinical

- Trinidad and Tobago Medical Association (TTMA)
- Trinidad and Tobago Registered Nurses Associations (TTRNA)

Non-Clinical

- Local Government and Regional Corporations
- Ministry of National Security - TTPS, TTDF, TTFS, Immigration
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Finance
- Airport and Port Authority
- Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers Association (TTUTA)
- National Union of Government and Federated Workers Union (NUGFW) Daily Rated Workers

STRATEGY FOR EXTERNAL COLLABORATION – PARTNERSHIP AND PAIRING

- i. **Private Hospital Sector** to administer vaccines to staff and public
- ii. Private Business Sector to administer vaccines to staff
- iii. Private Business Sector to fund vaccines and public vaccination
- iv. Private Business Sector to communicate the public message
- v. Pairing the TTMA and the TTRNA with the Private Sector to administer vaccines

COMMUNICATION SUPPORT – *pre peri and post*

- COVID Vaccine Information dissemination, e.g., Ansa McAl's '*Small Dose of Hope*' campaign.
- Public Health Information Dissemination
- "*I got Vaccinated*" Buttons and T-shirts and Polos (Of course Branded)
- Bus Branding
- Billboards etc...

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Participating **private hospital** will...

- administer the COVID vaccine to their FLHCW
- vaccinate patients in their care meeting the criteria of the elderly (>60) and those with comorbidities
- participate in the general population vaccination drive as defined by the MOH
- assist in management of patients with adverse reactions to vaccine
- support the private business sector in vaccinating staff

Participating **private business** will ...

- Arrange to have their staff vaccinated **at their cost**
- Contribute to and participate in the Mass Vaccination campaigns (*to be determined...*)
- Support the TTMA in the Village Vaccination Outreach Program (if necessary)
- Public communication and information sharing to promote vaccine uptake

MOH VACCINATION PACKAGE TO EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- Vaccines, Syringes, Alcohol wipes
- Sharp Disposal Containers
- Coolers and Dry Ice/Ice Packs
- Vaccination Cards
- Pre-registration Forms
- Vaccine Protocols
- Key Messages for Communication

VACCINATION ACCESS CATEGORIES

- Hospitals - Health Care Workers
- 20 Health Centres and District Health Facilities
- Mobile Vaccination - for Homes for the Elderly
- Mass Vaccination Sites
- Other



QUESTIONS and DISCUSSION