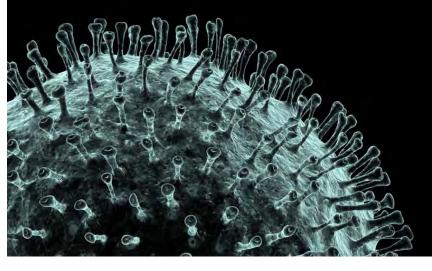
## **COVID-19 Conversations**



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## **SARS-CoV-2** spike protein is vaccine target

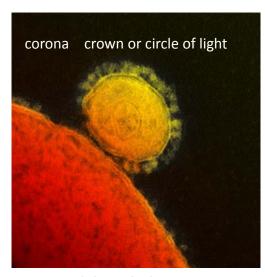
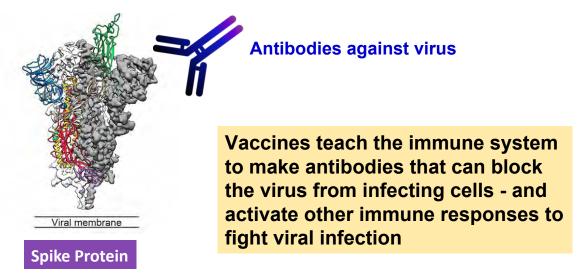


Image of SARS-CoV-2 virus attached to host cell



Model rendering of Coronavirus Spike Protein – Allows researchers to find unique binding areas to target for vaccine development

Wrapp D, Wang N, Corbett KS, Goldsmith JA, Hsieh CL, Abiona O, Graham BS, McLellan JS. Cryo-EM structure of the 2019-nCoV spike in the prefusion conformation.

Science. 2020 Feb 19:eabb2507.

## **COVID-19: Examples of Types of Vaccines**





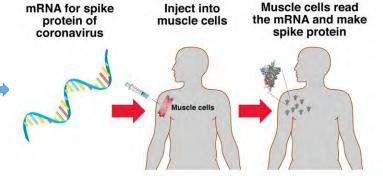


Protein vaccine injected into muscle

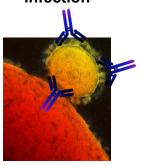


RNA vaccine injected in muscle

mRNA is the genetic backbone that encodes for the spike protein for SARS-CoV-2



Immune system generates antibodies to block viral infection



### **Examples of COVID-19 Candidate Vaccines**

### Type of vaccine approach

### **Protein Sub-Unit**

Ex: Hepatitis B, Influenza



Genetic (DNA, mRNA)



**Viral Vectors** 





Ex: ERVEBO Ebola vaccine manufactured by Merck

### **Vaccine companies**

















# April 17: NIH Launches Public-Private Partnership – Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV)

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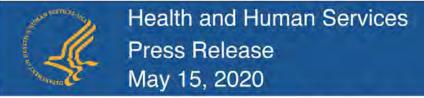






## NON-PROFIT/ PROGRAM MANAGEMENT





## Trump Administration Announces Framework and Leadership for 'Operation Warp Speed'

- National program to accelerate development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics
- Public-private partnership between HHS (CDC, FDA, NIH, BARDA), DoD, other federal agencies, and private firms
- Chief Scientific Advisor: Moncef Slaoui, PhD
- Chief Operating Officer: General Gustave F. Perna

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## Science

# A Strategic Approach to COVID-19 Vaccine R&D

L Corey, JR Mascola, AS Fauci & FS Collins

The full development pathway for an effective vaccine for SARS-CoV2 will require that industry, government, and academia collaborate in unprecedented ways, each adding their individual strengths. . . .We further discuss a collaborative platform for conducting harmonized, randomized controlled vaccine efficacy trials. This mechanism aims to generate essential safety and efficacy data for several candidate vaccines in parallel, so as to accelerate the licensure and distribution of multiple vaccine platforms and vaccines to protect against COVID-19

### **Harmonized Phase 3 Trials**

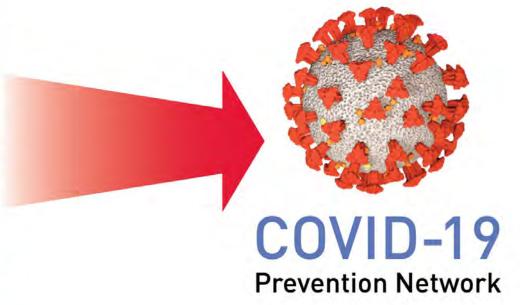
### **Candidate COVID-19 vaccines** Platform 1 Platform 2 Platform 3 Platform 4 Platform 5 Collaborating labs 1) Defining COVID infections from vaccination Between-trial Collaborating Harmonized **Data and Safety** statistical group 2) Quantitative clinical trials efficacy trials **Monitoring Board** for correlates of immune networks protection responses to spike and spike epitopes 3) T-cell responses NIH/COVID Network-supported infrastructure











### **COVID-19 Vaccine Development Process**

- □ Phase 3 trials of several types of vaccines to test if vaccine can prevent COVID-19 disease
- In parallel, scale up and manufacture vaccines, so there is no gap between information above, and availability of vaccine
- □ In U.S., the FDA would review clinical data, and decide if vaccine should be licensed for use
- □ CDC would make recommendations for who should get vaccine