Hundreds of potential COVID-19 vaccines are being developed in labs around the world. More progress is made each day toward a safe, effective vaccine. In the coming months, many candidates will be tested and, if approved, manufactured. Which vaccine will be ready for distribution first?

**HOW TO PLAY:**

1. Choose up to four vaccines to monitor.
2. Research your selections and fill out the "Vaccine Profile" for each.
3. Add the vaccines to your race track. Check off any phases already completed.
4. Watch for updates on your vaccines. When a vaccine completes a phase, add a check mark.

**COVID-19 VACCINE PROFILES**

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Note: This timeline represents the typical process for vaccine development and may not reflect the exact trajectory for every vaccine on the market or in development.
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Many potential vaccines stall in the Pre-Clinical Stage because they fail to produce an immune response.

**THE amazing vaccine RACE**

Explanatory Stage

Scientists identify antigens, substances that create an immune response in the body, that could help prevent or treat a disease.

NAME OF DEVELOPER 1:

NAME OF DEVELOPER 2:

NAME OF DEVELOPER 3:

NAME OF DEVELOPER 4:
**PRE-CLINICAL STAGE**

Researchers use tissue-culture or cell-culture systems and animal testing to evaluate if a new vaccine is safe and produces immunity.

**Clinical Development Phase I**

First, researchers give the vaccine to a small group of 20–80 adults to evaluate its safety and immune response for humans.
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Once a vaccine is licensed, drug manufacturers provide the supplies and personnel for producing mass quantities of the vaccine.

Did you know: The vaccine developer submits a Biologics License Application (BLA) to the FDA.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturers test all lots, or batches, of the vaccine for safety and quality.

Did you know: Thousands or tens of thousands of people are tested in this phase to further evaluate the vaccine's safety, possible side effects, and overall effectiveness.
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The FDA creates specific rules to keep volunteers in clinical trials safe. A licensed vaccine is continually monitored for performance, safety, and effectiveness. After being tested, approved, licensed, and manufactured, a vaccine can be given to those who need it.

Next, researchers assess a larger group of several hundred participants to learn more about the vaccine's safety, its ability to produce an immune response, dosage, schedule of immunization, and delivery method.

Only after the FDA approves can they be released.

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