

# COVID-19 TOWN HALL Q&A – OCTOBER 7, 2020

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thank you for joining our informative discussion with Remy L. Brim, PhD, vice president, regulatory policy and strategy, BGR Group, and Jonathan Temte, MD, PhD, associate dean, public health and community engagement, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.</b></p>	
ADVOCACY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	
How do you envision post-Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) monitoring will be structured in light of the size of the target population?	This question was answered live during the Town Hall session. Please see the response at the 34-minute mark in the <a href="#">video replay</a> .
HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC AND SCIENCE	
Is there an update on AstraZeneca resuming its COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial?	The trial has resumed in countries outside of the United States. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is still reviewing the adverse event, and a timeline for a decision has not been issued.
What is the American Academy of Family Physicians' (AAFP) position on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's report on the distribution phases of vaccines?	The report is being reviewed by the AAFP and experts in the field, such as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Read more about the equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine <a href="#">here</a> .
Older populations have worse outcomes from COVID-19 and they also don't respond to vaccinations as well as other population groups. Are any vaccines being studied specifically for older populations?	This question was answered live during the Town Hall session. Please see the response at the 29-minute mark in the <a href="#">video replay</a> .
Is there a study to determine if people are open to be vaccinated? Can the AAFP hold public education meetings for patients?	This question was answered live during the Town Hall session. Please see the response at the 30-minute mark in the <a href="#">video replay</a> .
Will initial vaccine trials include pediatric patients and/or individuals who are pregnant?	This question was answered live during the Town Hall session. Please see the response at the 37-minute mark in the <a href="#">video replay</a> .

<p>What is the best way to discuss the unknowns of vaccines with patients without deterring them from taking vaccines?</p>	<p>This question was answered live during the Town Hall session. Please see the response at the 41-minute mark in the <a href="#">video replay</a>.</p> <p>It is important to provide honest answers about what is known and unknown. The AAFP will be keeping members up to date on the latest information. We have many resources for increasing vaccine confidence <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>What is your advice to address vaccine hesitancy among physicians?</p>	<p>It is important for physicians to have accurate and evidence-based information about vaccines. Physicians should educate themselves with updated information about the efficacy of vaccines from the <a href="#">AAFP</a> and <a href="#">ACIP</a>.</p>
<p>Will individuals who are undocumented be able to access COVID-19 vaccines?</p>	<p>The ACIP will consider and provide recommendations on how to prioritize distribution of a future COVID-19 vaccine. Read more about the equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>Will hospitals make the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for health care workers, similar to the influenza vaccine?</p>	<p>Frontline health care workers are considered a priority group for receiving the vaccine, but it is not known whether it will be mandatory for these individuals.</p>
<p>How will the AAFP help its members logistically with the vaccine (e.g., reporting and supplies)?</p>	<p>The AAFP is advocating for equitable distribution of vaccines and supplies, as well as coverage and reimbursement for family physicians.</p>
<p><b>PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT</b></p>	
<p>Has there been any effort to engage the large electronic health record (EHR) vendors to implement tools for post-market registries or post-market event monitoring?</p>	<p>The AAFP has not engaged in such efforts. We have been engaged in advocacy around immunization registries and public health reporting interoperability.</p>