

# **COVID Vaccine & Therapeutics Update**

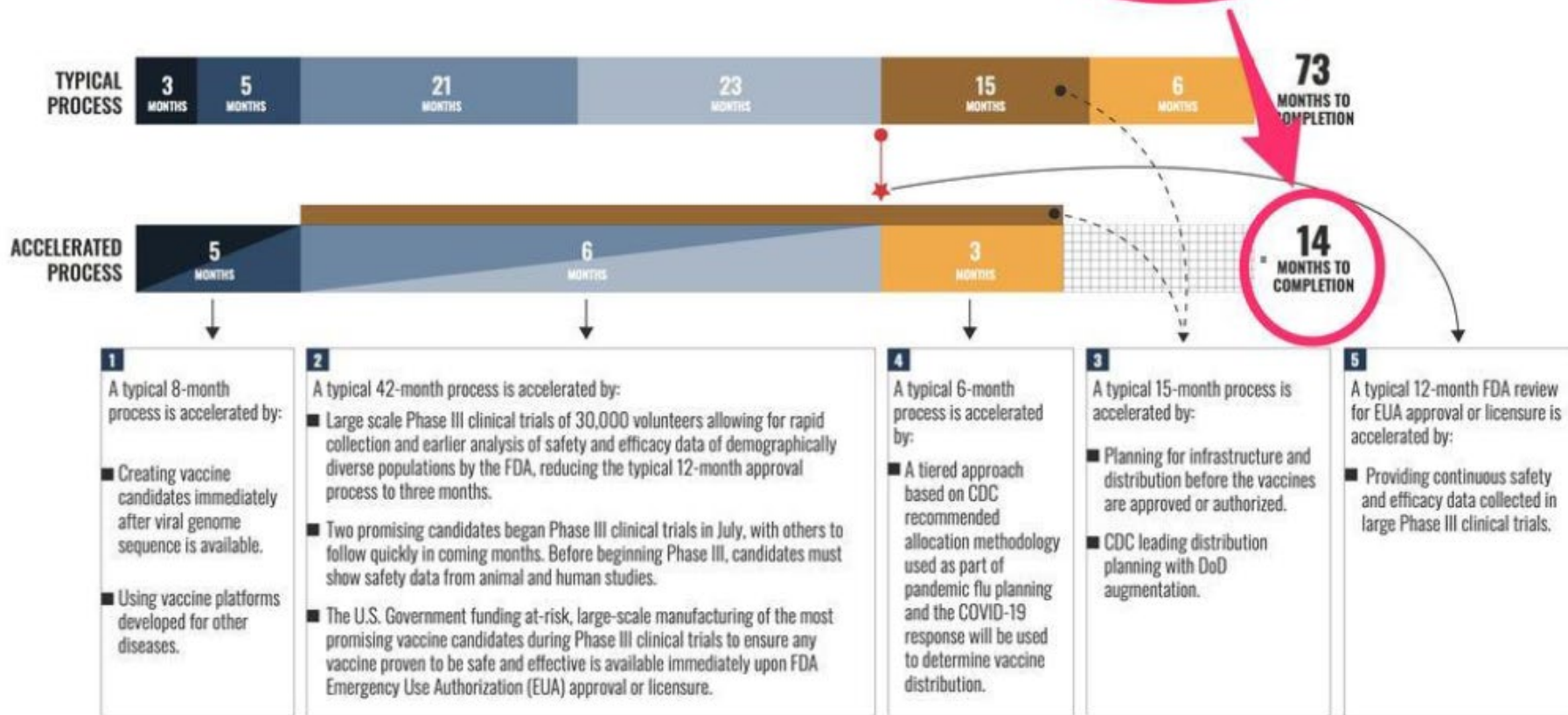
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# OPERATION WARP SPEED ACCELERATED VACCINE PROCESS

**MISSION:** Deliver 300 million doses of safe and effective vaccine by 1 January 2021.



■ R&D + Preclinical Trials Vaccine Candidate/s Identified   ■ Phase II Clinical Trials   ■ Manufacturing  
■ Phase I Clinical Trials   ■ Phase III Clinical Trials   ■ Distribution

# FDA Published Guidance for Industry for COVID Vaccines

- **June 2020:** [Development & Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19](#)
  - Key Principles
    - Phase 3 trials should be Randomized, Placebo-controlled Efficacy Trials
    - ~30,000 volunteers
    - Study population: Diverse,  $\geq 18$  yo, with subsets in high-risk groups
    - Primary Endpoint: Prevention of symptomatic COVID-19 disease
      - Primary efficacy endpoint at least 50%
    - Common Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) across all trials (NIAID)
- **October 2020:** [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19](#)
  - Lays out what FDA will be looking for in EUA application
  - Median follow up duration of at least 2 months after full vaccination regimen to provide adequate information to assess a vaccine's benefit-risk profile

# Front Runner Vaccine Candidates

| Company                     | Candidate       | Platform        | Current Phase | OWS Funding | Dose commitment |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| AstraZeneca/Oxford Univ.    | AZD1222         | Viral vector    | 3             | \$1.2B      | 300M            |
| Moderna                     | mRNA-1723       | mRNA            | 3             | \$1.5B      | 100M            |
| Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) | Ad26 SARS-CoV-2 | Viral vector    | 3             | \$1.5B      | 100M            |
| Novavax                     | NVX-CoV2373     | Protein subunit | 2             | \$1.6B      | 100M            |
| Pfizer/BioNTech             | BNT162          | mRNA            | 2/3           | \$1.95B     | 100M            |
| GlaxoSmithKline/Sanofi      | -----           | Protein subunit | 1/2           | \$2.1B      | 100M            |

# Interested in participating in a COVID Vaccine Trial?

[COVID-19 Prevention Network – Volunteer Registry](#)

# COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Assumptions

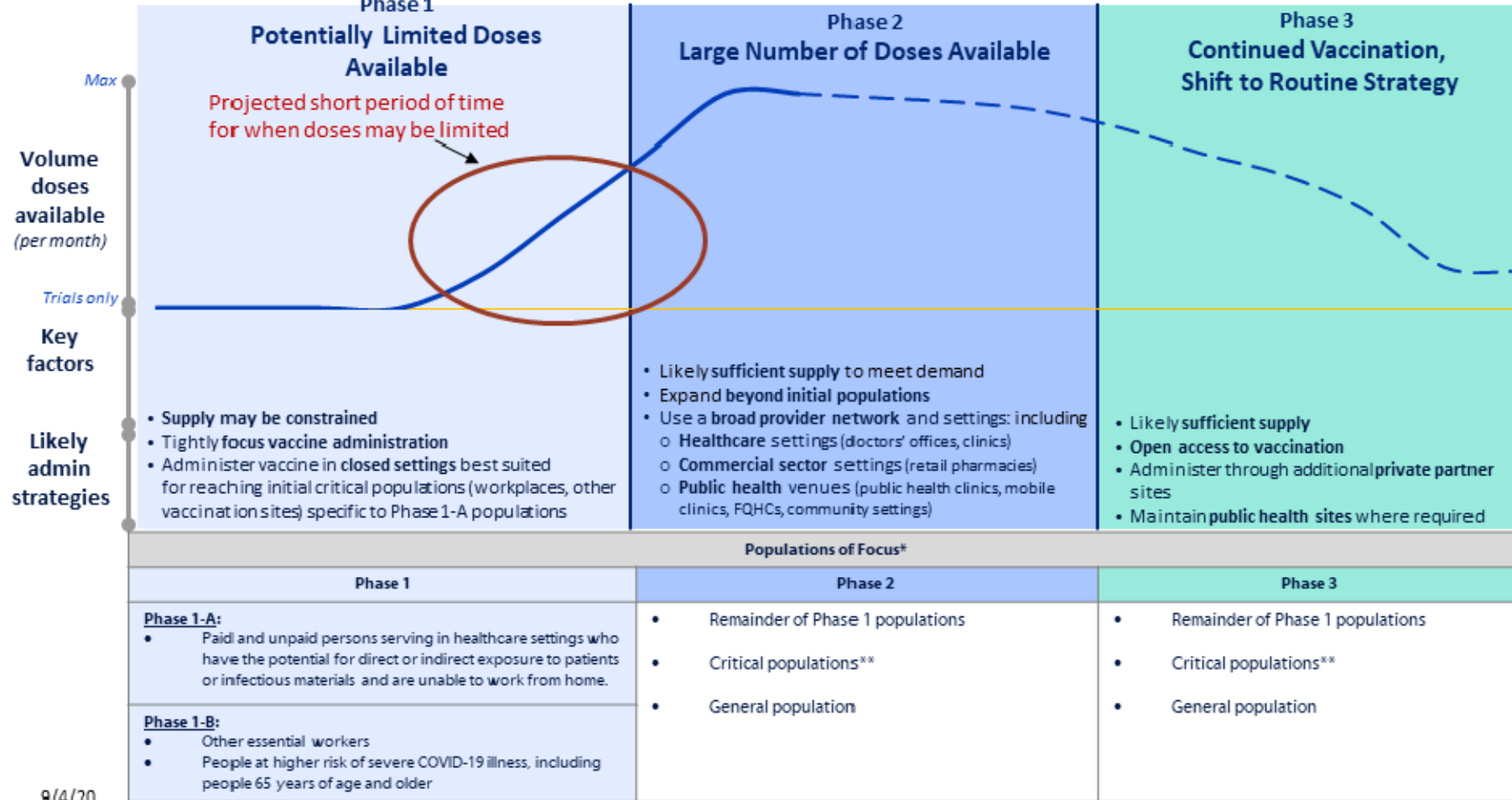
- **Limited COVID-19 doses will be available in late 2020, likely via EUA**
  - CDC has given states an operational readiness date of 11/15
  - Large scale vaccination campaign likely to occur in 2021
- **Likely 2 dose vaccine series**
  - $\geq 21$  or  $\geq 28$  days apart, must be the same product
- **Some vaccine candidates require ultra-low cold storage ( $-70^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 10^{\circ}\text{C}$ )**
  - It is NOT recommended to purchase ULC storage
- **Some vaccine candidates will likely require reconstitution with diluent or adjuvant at the point of administration**
- **Ancillary supplies will be “kitted” and shipped separately**
  - Timed to arrive with or before vaccine
  - Does NOT include sharps containers, gloves or bandages

# COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Assumptions cont'd

- Providers should NOT hold back vaccine for second dose
- Vaccine A from CDC playbook expected to be first available
  - Requires ULC storage
  - 2 doses  $\geq$  21 days apart
  - ~1,000 dose minimum allocation size
  - [Expected packaging of Pfizer vaccine presented to ACIP in August \(1:36:00 mark\)](#)
  - Ships direct from manufacturer
- All other vaccine candidates expected to have ~100 dose minimum allocation
  - Ship through central distributor (McKesson)
- Overall Phased Approach (see next slide)

# Projected COVID-19 Vaccine Program Phases

The COVID-19 Vaccination Program will require a phased approach



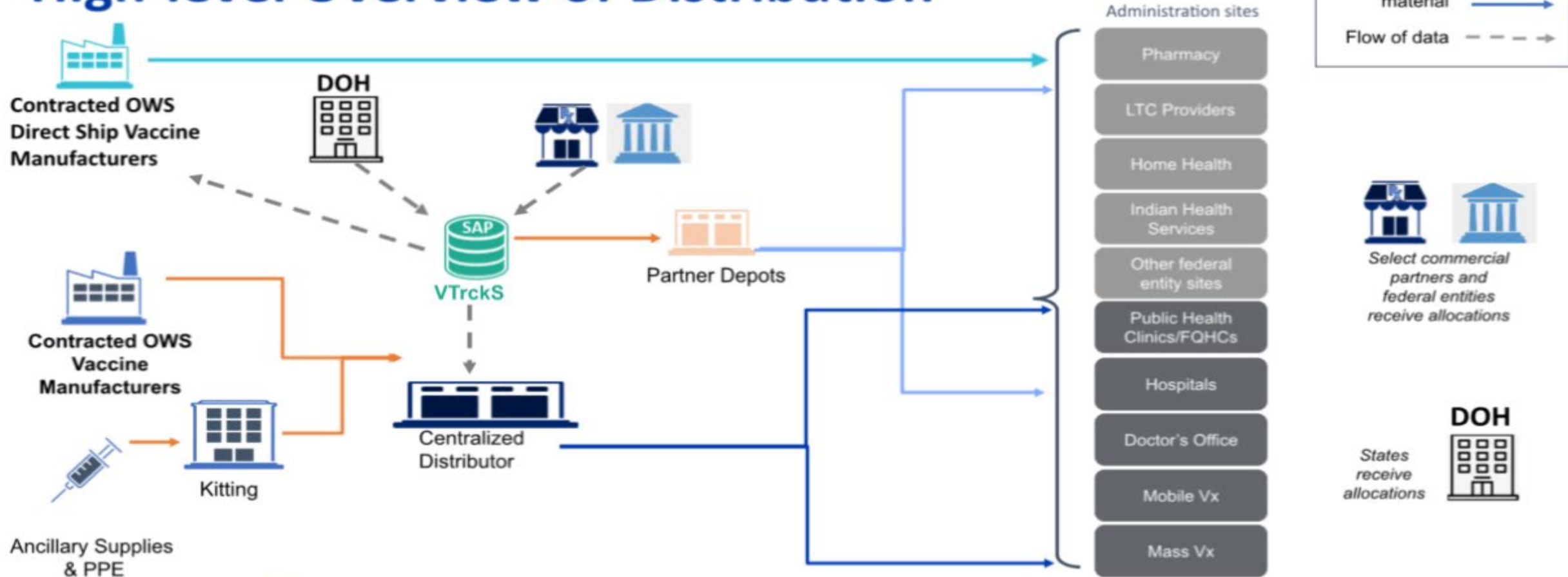
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\*Planning should consider that there may be initial age restrictions for vaccine products.

\*\*See Section 4: Critical Populations for information on Phase 1 subset and other critical population groups.



# High-level Overview of Distribution



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## System needs to allow for:

- ✓ **Control:** Targeted populations
- ✓ **Tracking:** Where the vaccine is (End-to-End visibility)
- ✓ **Uptake:** Know when shots are administered

# Federal Level Vaccine Planning Initiatives

- CDC's COVID-19 Vaccine Playbook
  - Version 2 published 10/29/2020
- Federal LTC-Retail Pharmacy Partnership
  - Retail pharmacies to provide on-site, end to end vaccine management
    - SNFs and ALFs eligible – Free of charge
  - Opt-in period ended 11/6 – but still a way to get in if interested
  - State POC: [William.Krepps@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:William.Krepps@dhhs.nc.gov)
- Federal retail pharmacy partnership program
  - Appendix I (pg. 74) of current CDC playbook
  - Direct allocations of vaccine to retail pharmacy partners to provide vaccine services to the general public
  - This would be operationalized only when vaccine supply and prioritization allow

# State Level Vaccine Planning Activities:

- [NC Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#)
  - Published 10/16/2020
  - Currently under review for 2<sup>nd</sup> version
- **External Advisory Committee (NC Institute of Medicine)**
  - Developed NC Prioritization Framework (found in NC Vaccine plan)
- **Public Outreach & Historically Marginalized Populations Workgroup**
- **Provider Enrollment**
  - Every provider wishing to receive/administer COVID Vaccine must sign agreement to officially enroll
- **COVID Vaccine Management System (CVMS)**
  - Day to day administration management platform
  - Custom built, meets CDC data reporting requirements, feeds data back to NCIR

## **Local Vaccine Planning Suggestions:**

- **Form local COVID vaccine planning team**
- **Review Federal and State planning documents**
- **Assess existing LHD mass vaccination plans**
- **Review H1N1 lessons learned**
- **Think about high-risk groups in your community and ways to reach them**
- **Stay current with the latest information**

# Additional Sources of Information

[Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#)

[FDA COVID-19 Website](#)

[Clinicaltrials.gov](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Website](#)

[North Carolina COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[WHO – Draft Landscape of COVID-19 Candidate Vaccines](#)

# COVID-19 Therapeutics Update - Veklury

- **Veklury® (Remdesivir)**
  - FDA approved on 10/22
    - Patients age 12+, who weigh at least 40kg and require hospitalization
  - EUA remains for hospitalized pediatric patients
    - Patients weighing 3.5 to less than 40kg –OR–
    - Patients less than 12yo and weighing at least 3.5kg
  - **No change in procurement process or cost**
    - AmerisourceBergen is sole distributor through at least the end of 2020

# COVID-19 Therapeutics Update - bamlanivimab

- **Bamlanivimab**
  - Manufactured by Eli Lilly
  - mAbs work by directly neutralizing the COVID-19 virus
  - Intended to prevent progression of disease
  - Product given via single IV infusion
- Emergency Use Authorization granted 11/9/2020
  - Early evidence showed potential to reduce hospitalization for infected people if given early in infection – BLAZE-1 clinical trial
  - Intended for use in outpatient setting
    - May actually worsen outcomes if given to patients who are already hospitalized

# Bamlanivimab EUA Requirements

- **Bamlanivimab is authorized for patients:**
  - 12+ years old weighing at least 40 kg who are at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization
  - Must be administered as soon as possible after + COVID test AND within 10 days of symptom onset
  
- **Bamlanivimab is NOT authorized for patients who:**
  - Are hospitalized due to COVID-19 –OR–
  - Require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19 –OR–
  - Require and increase in baseline oxygen flow rate due to COVID-19 in those on chronic oxygen therapy due to underlying NON-COVID-19 related comorbidity.



# Bamlanivimab EUA Requirements

- **High-risk Criteria for EUA (patients must have at least 1)**
  - BMI  $\geq$  35
  - Chronic Kidney disease
  - Diabetes
  - Immunosuppressive disease
  - Receiving Immunosuppressive treatment
  - Age  $\geq$  65
  - Age  $\geq$  55 PLUS
    - Cardiovascular disease –OR- hypertension –OR- COPD/chronic respiratory disease
  - Age 12-17 PLUS
    - BMI > 85<sup>th</sup> percentile for age & gender OR
    - Sickle cell disease OR
    - Congenital or acquired heart disease OR
    - Neurodevelopment disorders OR
    - A medical related technology dependence OR
    - Asthma, reactive airway or other chronic respiratory disease requiring daily medication for control

# **Bamlanivimab EUA considerations**

- **700mg via IV infusion over at least 60 mins via pump or gravity**
- **Clinical monitoring of patients during and for at least 1 hour after infusion is complete**
- **Patients treated with bamlanivimab should continue to self-isolate and use recommended infection control measures**
- **Product requires storage at 2-8°C protected from light**
- **May only be administered in settings in which healthcare providers have immediate access to medications to treat a severe infusion reaction and have the ability to activate the emergency medical system as necessary**

# Bamlanivimab EUA considerations

- **Phase 1 of Bamlanivimab distribution**
  - Intended for outpatient use by hospitals or hospital affiliated locations
    - Emergency Departments
    - “Hospitals without walls” – Temporary structures, virtual hospitals
    - Skilled Nursing facilities
    - Infusion centers
    - Urgent Care Centers
    - Other hospital affiliated clinics
- **Phase 2 of Bamlanivimab distribution**
  - Will allow for distribution to non-hospital affiliated locations capable of meeting EUA requirements
- **No timeline for transition between phases**
  - HHS/ASPR taking a wait and see approach

# Bamlanivimab Challenges

- **Supply**
  - 300,000 doses total available by end of 2020
  - US Gov't has purchased and is providing free of charge
  - Us Gov't has the option to purchase additional doses
- **Administration Locations**
  - Dealing with COVID + patients
    - keeping workers and non-COVID-19 patients safe
  - Eventual broad range of possible administration locations
- **Connecting patients to treatment**
  - Narrow timeframe for administration

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