



# VACCINE ACCESS TEST

Score Summary: Canada

The world is racing to find safe and effective vaccines against COVID-19. And when we do, these vaccines must be made available to everyone who needs them regardless of nationality or wealth. This is the fastest way to end the pandemic. So we want to know: **do world leaders' actions move us closer to, or further from, an equitable outcome?** The Vaccine Access Test (VAT) provides a framework to answer this question based on the following metrics:

- ➔ **Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A):** Has this country provided financial support to the ACT-A?
- ➔ **Multilateral Leadership:** Has this country advanced multilateral cooperation to advance equity?
- ➔ **Policies:** Will this country's policies help ensure COVID-19 vaccines are accessible to all on a global scale?
- ➔ **Deals:** Each deal this country has made to secure promising COVID-19 vaccine candidates is scored individually based on a set of metrics for how well they advance equity.

Each metric is worth up to 3 points and Deal Scores can earn up to 6 points. **Canada can earn up to 15 points.**

METRIC	SCORE	RATIONALE
<b>ACT-A</b> 	3	Canada has pledged CAD\$898m to ACT-A, which includes funds for vaccines, tests and treatments through CEPI, the Covax AMC, UNICEF, UNITAID, FIND, the Global Fund, and the WHO.
<b>Multilateral Leadership</b> 	2	Canada has joined the COVAX facility and has been a vocal advocate for multilateral action on the COVID-19 vaccine including in public statements calling for global equal access to a vaccine.
<b>Policies</b> 	1	Canada does not have specific policies around equity, affordability and open science when it awards public contracts for COVID-19 R&D, has not endorsed the WHO Solidarity Call to Action, but has published national guidelines on priority distribution.
<b>Deal Score (average)</b>	0.7	Canada has completed 7 deals with pharmaceutical companies to secure COVID-19 vaccine candidates, with an average Deal Score of 0.7.

## Total Score: 6.7 out of 15

Canada is participating in the COVAX Facility and is a top donor to the ACT-Accelerator, which shows dedication to global access. However, with enough potential doses to vaccinate each Canadian 5 times, bilateral deals with pharmaceutical companies could prevent access by lower income countries. Prime Minister Trudeau has committed to share excess vaccines, but this commitment should be detailed and formalized so they can be distributed where most needed.

Canada can continue improving its Vaccine Access Score by:

- Detailing its commitment to share excess vaccine doses through COVAX by stating how many doses from which suppliers will be donated, as soon as possible.
- Publishing basic information on the deals it makes with pharmaceutical companies, including the schedule of delivery



▲ Impeding Equity

Advancing Equity ▲