

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. Not only is this morally right but it is also the fastest way to end the pandemic. So as world leaders line up to make deals for COVID-19 vaccines candidates we want to know: **did this deal move us closer to, or further from, an equitable outcome?**

The Vaccine Access Test provides a framework to answer this question by evaluating deals between companies and countries using three metrics:

- **Prioritized:** Is this deal aligned with global guidelines on prioritizing allocation among at-risk populations?
- **Phased:** Does this deal allow for phased delivery of doses to ensure initial-supply is not monopolized?
- **Published:** Is the contracting processes transparent from start to finish?

Each metric is worth up to 2 points with the potential for 6 points total. [Here is how this deal stacks up.](#)

## DEAL SUMMARY

**Parties:** Medicago and Canada

**Date:** October 23, 2020

**Terms of Agreement:** The Government of Canada signed an agreement with Medicago, to secure up to 76 million doses of their COVID-19 vaccine candidate, enough to vaccinate 38 million people. This is the first domestically developed vaccine candidate the Government of Canada has secured.

METRIC	SCORE	RATIONALE
<b>Prioritized</b> 	0	76m doses would cover 100% of Canada's population with a 2-dose regimen, exceeding the 3% initial allocation threshold and the threshold to prioritize the most vulnerable 20% population.
<b>Phased</b> 	0	Because it is not public, we do not know if the deal includes phased delivery of doses. Ideally, deals would allow for other countries to benefit from the initial supply and tier delivery of subsequent supply as it becomes available.
<b>Published</b> 	1	Canada disclosed that they invested \$173 million in this deal. Medicago has not disclosed their pricing model.

**Total Score: 1 out of 6**

We welcome the first domestically developed vaccine candidate in Canada, but this deal does nothing to ensure the initial supply of vaccines isn't monopolized by the country. Subsequent deals could be improved by purchasing against global population allocation guidelines and phasing delivery of doses. Medicago could also disclose a break-down of how they arrived at their unit price, and what it costs to produce the vaccine.

