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**: Pfizer and Canada

**Date**: August 5, 2020

**Terms of Agreement**: The Government of Canada signed an agreement with Pfizer, which will supply a minimum of 20 million doses of its mRNA-based vaccine candidate, BNT162. The government is negotiating with the company to have the agreement include options for obtaining additional doses.

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<td>20m doses would cover over 25% 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.</td>
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<td>Because it is not public, we do not know if the deal includes phased delivery of doses nor the option to obtain additional doses later. Ideally, deals would allow for other countries to benefit from the initial supply and tier delivery of subsequent supply as it becomes available.</td>
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<td>Canada has not listed details about the terms of deal and pricing online. Pfizer has not disclosed their pricing model.</td>
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**Total Score: 0 out of 6**

This deal does little to ensure the initial supply of vaccines isn’t monopolized by Canada. Subsequent deals could be improved by purchasing against global population allocation guidelines and phasing delivery of doses. Pfizer could also disclose a break-down of how they arrived at their unit price, and what it costs to produce the vaccine. We will also be watching to ensure subsequent doses aren’t purchased before other countries have secured deals for portions of the initial supply.

Check out the full methodology and scores for other deals, countries, and companies at ONE.org/VaccineAccessTest