

U.S. Government Will Fund and Conduct Three Coronavirus Vaccines

The United States government will fund and conduct studies on three different coronavirus vaccines, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The coronavirus vaccine effort is progressing very well and we expect more than one candidate vaccine to be in advanced clinical testing by early summer...This is good news for the overall coronavirus vaccine effort."

Dr. Fauci, CNN

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Phase 3 trials for Moderna's experimental vaccine will begin in July. Oxford/Astra Zeneca will be tested in August, and Johnson & Johnson will follow with their vaccine trials in September. The trials will begin after companies have enough safety and efficacy information from earlier phases. Phase 3 will take place at more than 50 sites throughout the U.S. and could involve about 30,000 people.

According to the New York Times coronavirus tracker, there are ten vaccines in phase 1, eight in phase 2, and two vaccines in phase 3. Oxford/AstraZeneca is in phase 2/3 in England and Brazil, and the company could potentially deliver emergency vaccines by October.

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