

COVID - 19

Novartis Response

In the face of a global crisis, Novartis has quickly mobilized R&D capabilities, medicines, clinical trials expertise and philanthropic aid to address the coronavirus pandemic.

Supporting our associates



The safety and wellbeing of our associates is a priority for Novartis. We are taking steps to support associates and their families as they adapted to new conditions and commitments, such as remote work, educating children at home, or caring for loved ones. For associates in critical roles who need to be on site, we provide additional paid leave and childcare support. We announced an updated flexibility policy that empowers all office-based associates to choose how, where and when they work within their country of employment.

Access and pricing commitments



Novartis is making 15 drugs that treat key symptoms of COVID-19 available to low- and lower-middle income countries at zero profit until a vaccine or curative treatment is found. Sandoz, the Novartis generics and biosimilars division, is maintaining prices on a basket of essential medicines that may help in the treatment of COVID-19, and is partnering with US-based CivaRx to support the stable supply of essential generic hospital medicines.

Community funds



Novartis has committed to donating USD 40 million through our COVID-19 Response Fund to support communities around the world impacted by the pandemic. Additionally, Novartis and the Novartis US Foundation have established a US COVID-19 Community Response Fund that will provide cash and in-kind donations totaling USD 5 million for immediate response and recovery efforts related to the pandemic in the US.

Clinical Investigations



We are assessing whether Novartis medicines could be effective in treating patients with COVID-19. We quickly established Phase III clinical trials for ruxolitinib, in collaboration with Incyte, and canakinumab to determine if they can help patients with certain COVID-19 related symptoms. We are also providing these and other medicines to investigator-initiated trials (IITs) and managed access programs upon request. There are in total over 15 Novartis medicines being studied in 35 IITs around the world.

Collaborating with partners



We are undertaking several efforts to leverage our capabilities in discovery, development and scale-up manufacturing. We are partnering with multi-stakeholder external consortia, including the COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator, coordinated by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Wellcome, and Mastercard, as well as a COVID-19 directed partnership supported by the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI).

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