



## COVID-19 Vaccines

*Resources for Catholic ethical and moral concerns related to the COVID-19 vaccines*

There remains a monumental need for sound direction on Catholic teaching in health care and medical ethics. The National Catholic Bioethics Center offers a free consultation line for clergy or lay men and women who have questions about the ethics of COVID-19 vaccines.

[Ask a Question — The National Catholic Bioethics Center \(ncbcenter.org\)](https://www.ncbcenter.org)

[ncbcenter.org/ask-a-question](https://www.ncbcenter.org/ask-a-question)

(215) 877-2660

### COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates in the U.S. & Association with Abortion-Derived Cell Lines

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Company/Sponsor	Abortion-Derived Cell Line Used in Vaccine Development/ Production?	Abortion-Derived Cell Line Used in Vaccine Lab Testing?	"Ethical Profile"
Altimmune	Yes	Yes	Poor
Arcturas Therapeutics	No	Yes	Good
AstraZeneca/University of Oxford	Yes	Yes	Poor
Bharat Biotech/ICMR/Ocugen	No	No	Very Good**
Immunity Bio & NantKwest	Yes	Yes	Poor
Inovio Pharmaceuticals	No	Yes	Good
<b>Janssen Res/Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	Yes	Yes	Poor
Kentucky BioProcessing, Inc.	No	?	Good
<b>Moderna</b>	No	Yes	Good
Novavax	No	Yes	Good
<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	No	Yes	Good
Sanofi & GSK Protein Sciences	No	?	Good
Sanofi Pasteur/Translate Bio	No	Yes	Good
Sorrento ["T-viva-19"]	No	No	Very Good*
Univ. of Pittsburgh	Yes	Yes	Poor
Valneva and Dynavax	No	?	Good
Vaxart	Yes	Yes	Poor

*Orange = emergency use authorization (EUA) granted in U.S. by F.D.A.*

\* Work on this appears to have been discontinued. see: (<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/companies/sorrento-therapeutics-plans-to-cut-development-of-its-coronavirus-vaccine-if-the-leaders-vaccines-work/ar-BB1bfPjU>)

\*\* Ocugen Plans To Submit EUA Application For COVAXIN To FDA In June. see: (<https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/ocugen-plans-to-submit-eua-application-for-covaxin-to-fda-in-june-2021-05-26>)

Find contact information and sample letters to send to vaccine manufacturers at:

[FatherTad.com :: Covid-19 Vaccine "Ethical Profiles"](https://www.fathertad.com/covid-19-vaccine-ethical-profiles)

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“A Safe and Effective Vaccine” – Archbishop Paul S. Coakley  
[archokc.org/news/a-safe-and-effective-vaccine-an-answer-to-prayer](https://www.archokc.org/news/a-safe-and-effective-vaccine-an-answer-to-prayer)