

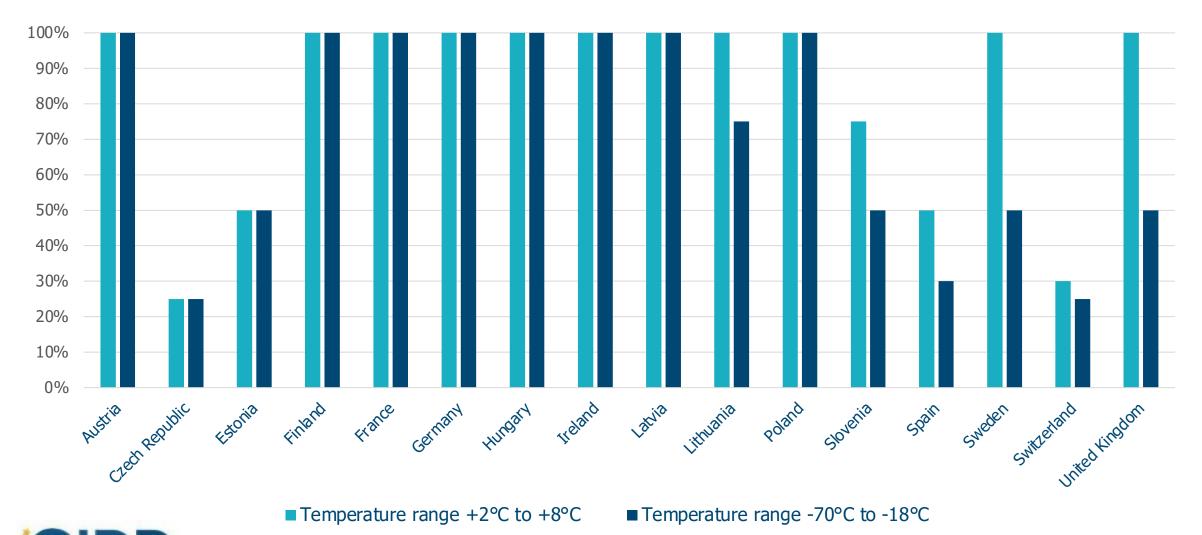
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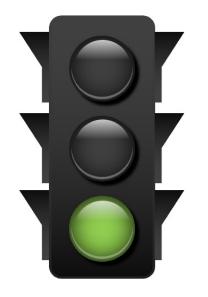
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# The role of full-service healthcare distributors in the COVID-19 vaccines distribution

	AT	BE	BG	CZ	DE	DK	EE	ES	FI	FR	HU	IE	IS	IT	LV	LT	LU	NL	NO	PL	РТ	RO	SI	SE	СН	UK
Distributed by wholesalers	~	×	×	~	~	×	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	×	×	×	~	×	×	✓	~	~	~
Vaccination centres	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Hospitals	~	×	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<b>√</b>	×	~	<b>~</b>	✓	✓	~	~	~	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	~	<b>~</b>	~
GP (doctors)	~	×	~	~	~	×	~	×	×	~	~	~	~	~	~	×	×	~	×	~	×	×	×	~	~	~
Other	×	✓	×	~	~	×	~	×	~	~	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	~	~	~	×	~	×	×	~
Pharmacies	~	<b>~</b>	×	×	~	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>√</b>	×	✓	×	×	×	~	×	×	×	×	<b>√</b>	~
Inoculation in pharmacies	×	~	×	×	×	×	~	×	×	✓	×	~	×	~	×	~	×	×	✓	~	×	×	×	~	~	~

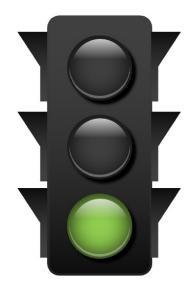


# Role of pharmacies in the COVID-19 vaccines dispensation and administration



Countries dispensing COVID-19 vaccines via pharmacies (to other healthcare professionals for inoculation)





Austria, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom Countries in which pharmacies/pharmacists inoculate COVID-19 vaccines



(Belgium), Estonia, Ireland, France, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom



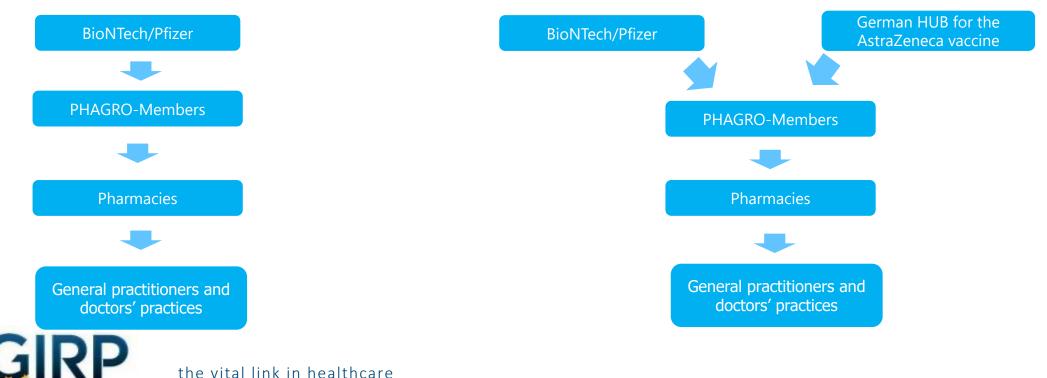
### Rapid antigen tests available in pharmacies

	AT	BE	BG	CZ	DK	EE	FR	DE	HU*	IE	IT	LV	u	LU	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO	RS	SI	ES	UK	СН
Availability	✓	✓	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	✓	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	✓	~



- Starting on 6 April in Germany, in addition to the state vaccination centres, around 35,000 general practitioners and doctors' practices started administering the COVID-19 BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine. Beginning 19 April, general practitioners and doctors' practices will start the administering the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.
- The nine German full-line pharmaceutical wholesalers are obliged to supply all German pharmacies with the COVID-19-vaccines and the equipment (syringe, needles, NaCl) for the supply of practitioners and doctors' practices by law.

Supply Chain of the Vaccines (beginning in week 16)



#### Supply Chain of the Vaccine (week 14 and 15)

German Corona-Vaccinations-Regulation

Wholesalers Remuneration for the distribution of the vaccines:

#### Until 9 May

- 9,65 EUR / vial (refrigerated vaccines)
- 11,55 EUR / vial (deep-freeze-vaccines)
- Staring on 10 May: 6,55 EUR / vial (each vaccine)
- Remuneration for the distribution of the equipment: 1,65 EUR (per distributed vial)

Wholesalers' obligations according to the "General ruling to ensure the nationwide distribution of vaccines against COVID-19 to medical practices"

- > Obligation for PHAGRO-Members to supply the orders of vaccines and equipment to German pharmacies
- > Ensure the fair supply of the vaccines to the pharmacies per state (according to the states contingents)
- > Ensure the supply of the equipment according to the supplied vaccines





Tasks of the German full-line wholesalers in connection with the vaccine-distribution

- Coordination with the manufacturers of the vaccines and the equipment
- ✓ Coordination with the German Ministry of Health
- ✓ Distribution of the vaccines from the HUB's of the full-line wholesalers to the further sites of the full-line wholesalers
- ✓ Definition of new standard operation procedures for each vaccine
- Controlled unfreezing of the deep-freeze-vaccines
- Decollating the vials from the original packing

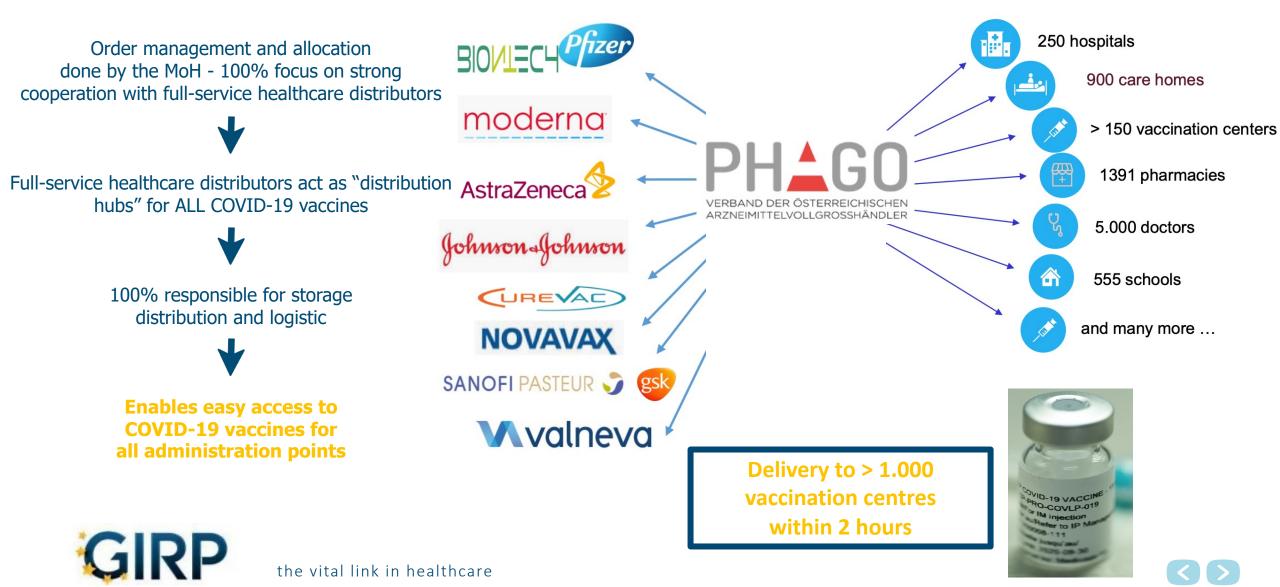


Tasks of the German full-line wholesalers in connection with the vaccine-distribution

- Repacking of the decollated vaccines and equipment
- > Distribution of the vaccine to the pharmacies at 2-8°C within a fixed time frame
- > Distribution of the equipment according the vaccine orders (syringe, needles, NaCl)
- Reporting of stocks, sell in and sell out data of vaccines (on vial level) to the PEI (Paul Ehrlich Institute)



# COVID-19 vaccine distribution by Austrian full-service healthcare distributors



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#### **Necessary investments: Reorganisation and upgrading of warehouses**

- > New ultra-low-temperature-freezers (-75° C/Pfizer-BioNTech) and new freezers (-20° C/Moderna)
- Enhanced security measures (video control, power supply,...)
- > Additional staff (warehouse, drivers and call centre)
- Dedicated teams with specific staff-training
- > Definition of new processes
- > Enlargement of vehicle fleet





# COVID-19 vaccine distribution by Austrian full-service healthcare distributors

#### **Full service packaging to vaccination centres**

- Decollating the vials down to 3 vials minimum from the original packing (Pfizer 195 Vials, Moderna and AZ 10 Vials)
- Controlled unfreezing of the deep-freeze-vaccines
- Repacking of the decollated vaccines
- Distribution to vaccination centre at + 2-8 °C for all products
- Equipment Package per vial (syringe, needles, NaCl)
- Information Package (instructions for use, instructions for doctors, vaccination certificates,...)
- Coordination with vaccination centres
- Interface for government e-shop
- Reporting of quantities









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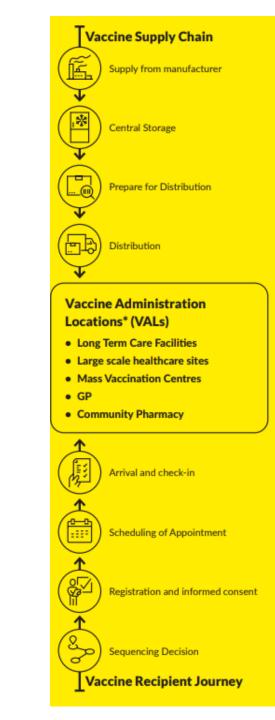
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#### COVID-19 vaccine distribution by Irish full-service healthcare distributors

#### Early engagement: significant task entailing

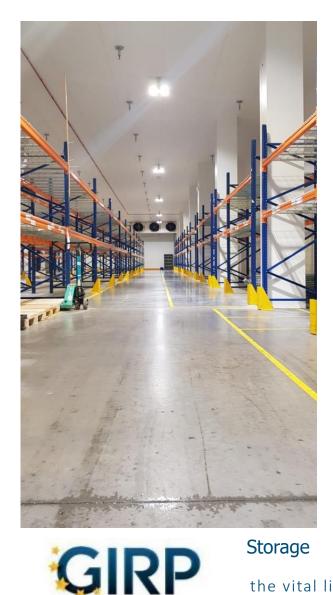
- **Complex logistics operations** specific vaccine handling activities (thawing of ULT vaccines, pack-down activity, labelling, handling of dry ice, etc.)
- Substantial storage capacity for various temperature ranges (incl. LT & ULT)
- Customer Management new customers, bona fides, master data, communication
- Order management & coordination from multiple customers
- Full Fleet Review Maintain current standards & increase capacity for -20 degree active transportation
- Additional security measures Establish communications protocol



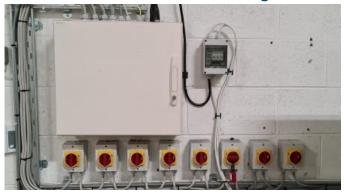


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Leveraging existing infrastructure with newly identified requirements



**Processing Area** 



Local power supplies





Caged and secure locations No. 1



Caged and secure locations No. 2

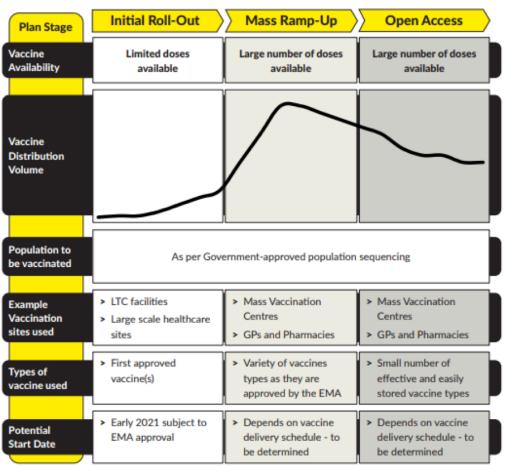


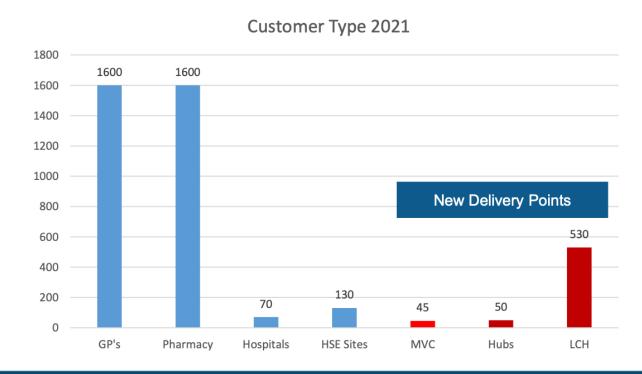
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### COVID-19 vaccine distribution by Irish full-service healthcare distributors

#### Changing Pace of Roll-out & Customer Landscape: adapting to new knowledge & experience





Delivery landscape evolving to meet the needs of the government roll-out

MVC = most valuable customer LCH = London Clearing House

HSE: National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme: Implementation Plan

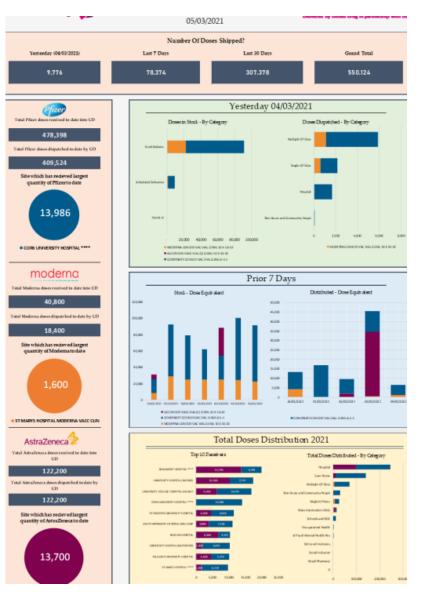




COVID-19 vaccine distribution – key learnings & looking ahead

# **COVID-19 distribution key learnings**

- > Need to be 100% sure of your **capacity & capability**
- > Effective **Project Management** is crucial & challenging in a highly evolving landscape
- Need to be able to Say No in a constructive manner
- > Data management and reporting across multiple data points is key
- Regulator alignment should be a rolling process
- Managing a scarce & high profile resource requires close alignment & effective communications



Distribution in Ireland as of 5 March 2021



### Future challenges for our sector

#### **Overall challenges**

- > Quantities are increasing
- > Numbers of vaccines with different technology platforms and profiles are increasing
- Public pressure is increasing
- > Additional challenges are increasing (e.g. distribution of Antigen tests for the general public)
- > Exact approval dates by EMA: product availability
- > Initial delivery schedule & ongoing pace of inbound deliveries from manufacturers
- Customer types and location
- Points of Contact & Communication Protocols
- > Alignment of COVID-19 booster and seasonal flu vaccines requires careful management and communication

#### **Vaccine Specific**

- > Administration and data management challenges
- > Specific product handling requirements, esp. mRNA technology, multi-dose vials
- COVID-19 variants
- > Transition to commercial supply chain

#### **General Supply Chain**

- Availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- > Domestic manufacturing and sourcing mandates
- Stockpiling mandates
- > Supply Chain alignment with healthcare professionals & ancillary supplies

Thank you!





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