

**Statement from the American Society for Microbiology
On the FDA Guidance on EUAs for COVID-19 Vaccines**

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The American Society for Microbiology (ASM) strongly supports the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval process that puts safety and efficacy first. The FDA's guidance on the use of emergency use authorization designation for COVID-19 vaccines, in consultation with experts on the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee. The pressure to get vaccines to market through the use of the emergency use authorization designation should not compromise public health, safety and trust. Science, not politics, should drive these decisions.

A vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 is a key step in moving through and beyond this pandemic.