

## **Influenza Vaccine Modernization**

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National Influenza Vaccine Modernization Strategy (NIVMS)-Listening Session

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National Influenza Vaccine Modernization Strategy 2020-2030



- Strengthen and diversify influenza vaccine development, manufacturing, and supply chain;
- Promote innovative approaches and use of new technologies to detect, prevent, and respond to influenza; and
- 3. Increase influenza vaccine access and coverage across all populations.

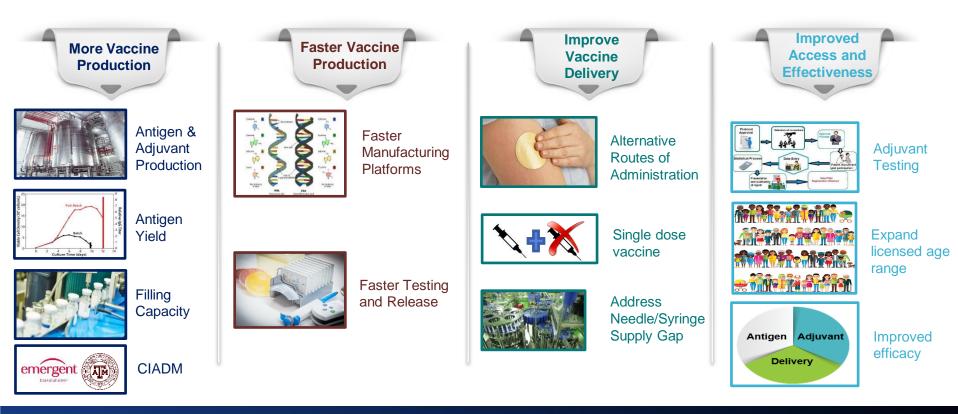




Seasonal Influenza

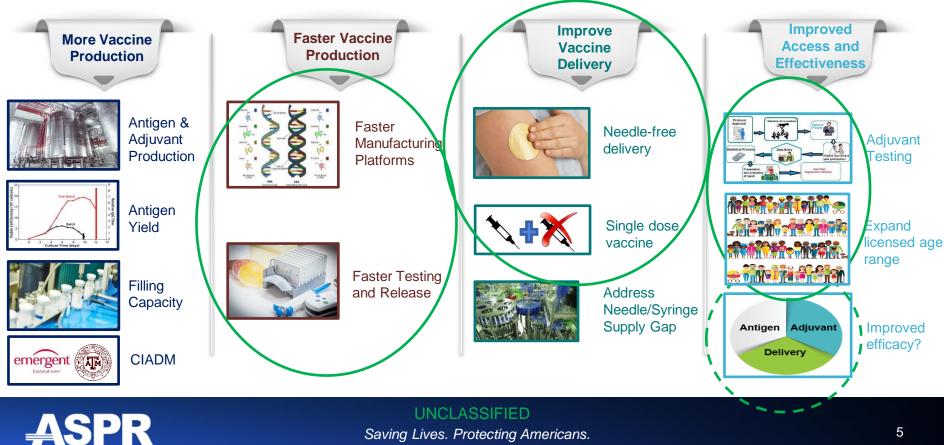


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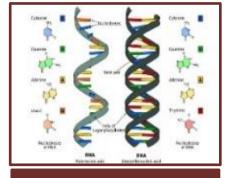


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## **Innovative Approaches and New Technologies**

#### Faster Vaccine Production

#### Faster Manufacturing Platforms



- Recombinant
  antigen
- 'Genetic' vaccines
  - Nucleic acid
  - Vectors

#### Faster Testing and Release Implementation



- Potency assay
- Sterility assay
- Adventitious agents



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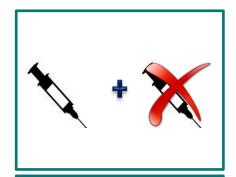
#### Improved Access and Efficacy

#### Alternative Routes of Administration



- Micro Array Patches
  - Coated
  - Dissolving
- Oral Vaccines
  - Delivery Vectors

#### Single Dose Vaccines



- Alternative Routes
- Vectors
- Adjuvants



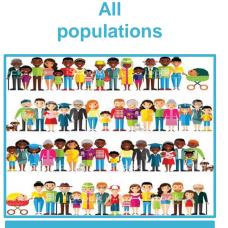
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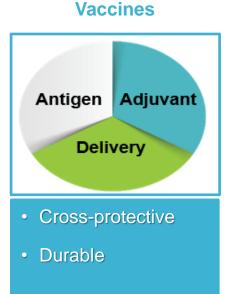
#### Adjuvant Development



- Novel properties
- Safety
- Cost
- Sustainability



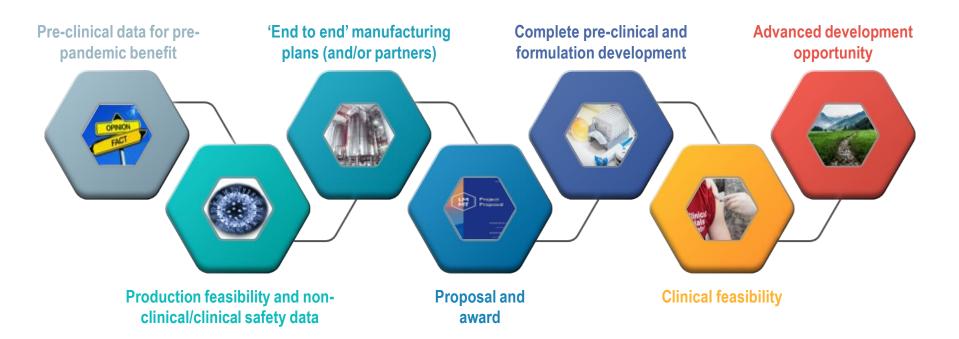
- > 6 months
- High risk



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## **BARDA Partnership Pathway**





## **Vaccine Collaborations/Partnerships**











## **JPEO-CBRND**

Preventing the Worst by Providing the Best

### ENABLING BIOTECHNOLOGIES INFLUENZA RESPONSE

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JPL CBRND Enabling Biotechnologies



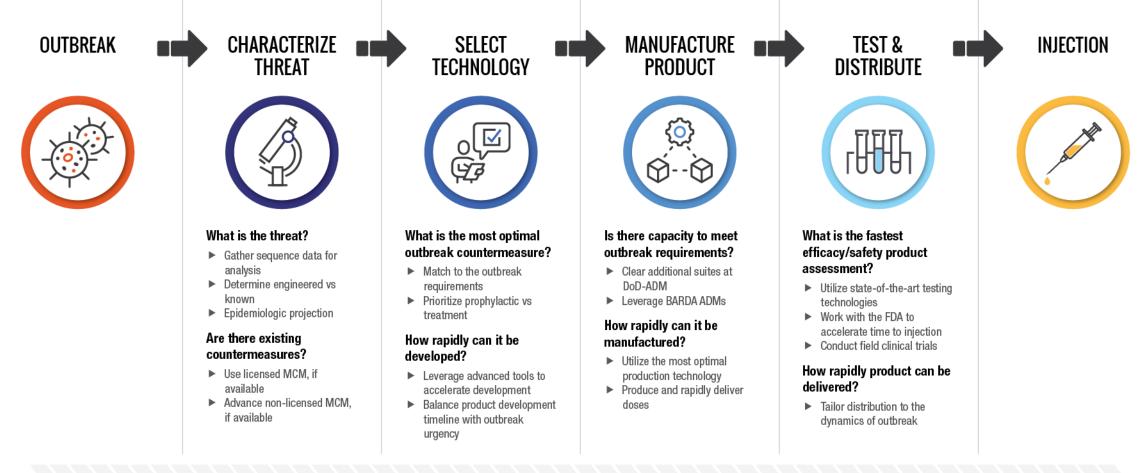
## **Enabling Biotechnologies: From Information to Injection**



Medical Solutions During a Crisis for Future Threats

### **ENABLING BIOTECHNOLOGIES MISSION SPACE**





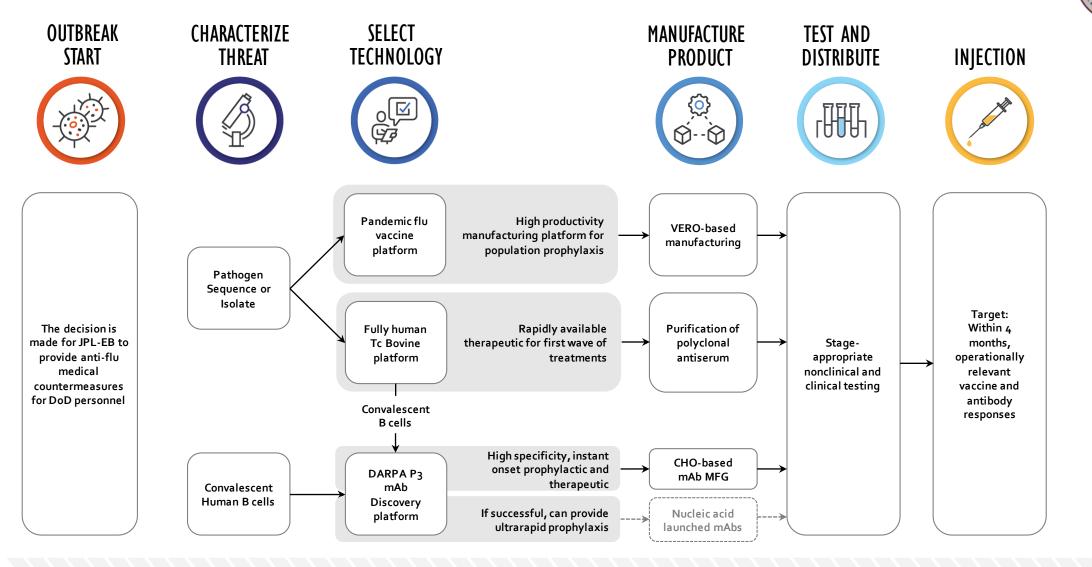
#### FROM INFORMATION TO INJECTION

### **ENABLING BIOTECHNOLOGIES INFLUENZA RESPONSE STRATEGY**



- Provide a combination of prophylactic and therapeutic countermeasures for complete outbreak coverage for the Warfighter
  - Instant onset, short-term antibody therapeutics
  - Delayed onset, long-term pandemic strain vaccines
- Use priority access to the DoD-ADM for rapid outbreak response
- Leverage existing vaccine and monoclonal antibody production platforms at DoD-ADM
- Partner with DARPA to:
  - Leverage rapid Pandemic Preparedness Program (P3) antibody discovery methodology
  - Prepare for potential transition of P3 ultrarapid nucleic acid launched countermeasures
- Engage state-of-the-art testing methodologies to accelerate efficacy and safety assessment
- Ensure that response capabilities can be leveraged beyond influenza pathogens

### **ENABLING BIOTECHNOLOGIES INFLUENZA RESPONSE**



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### **INFLUENZA VACCINE – DOD-ADM**



Executive Order Section 4(b)(vi) – direct the conduct of a study to assess the feasibility of using DOD's advanced manufacturing facility for manufacturing cell-based or recombinant influenza vaccines during a pandemic

- DoD-ADM (Ology Bioservices) holds a license to produce inactivated viral vaccines
  - $_{\circ}~$  Vero-cell based process originally developed by Baxter
  - Previously approved for use in several countries
- DoD-ADM facility can accommodate pandemic influenza vaccine manufacturing
  - <sup>o</sup> Scales consistent with DoD requirements (millions of doses) are feasible
  - Manufacturing process adaptation to high-yield technologies will be needed
- Full capability readiness will require pre-pandemic FDA licensure of an influenza vaccine
  - Ensures FDA familiarity with product, manufacturing process, release assays, etc.
  - Will require collaborative agreements between DoD medical development offices
- Appropriate funding sources will need to be identified for standup, maintenance, and response activities

### **INFLUENZA VACCINE – DOD-ADM**

Clinical experience and vaccine approvals using Vero production technology



#### Summary of Clinical Experience using Vero technology for Viral Vaccines

Product	Development Phase	# Clinical Subjects	Dosage
Seasonal Influenza (Preflucel®)	US BLA filed Licensed EU	10,800	15 μg/strain (45 μg total)
Pandemic H1N1 (Celvapan®)	Licensed EU, Australia, Brazil, New Zealand	5,000	7.5 μg adults 3.75 μg pediatric
Pandemic H5N1 (Vepacel®)	Licensed EU, Australia, Switzerland, New Zealand	4310 Adult 300 Pediatric	7.5 μg adults 3.75 μg pediatric
Pandemic H9N2	Phase 2	275	3.75-45 µg adult
Ross River Virus (RRV)	Phase 3 Australia	2,400	2.5 µg adult (with adjuvant)
West Nile	Phase 1/2	320	5-10 µg adult (with adjuvant)

#### Vero cell technology-produced vaccine marketing approvals

Generic Name	Trade Names	Territory
Influenza vaccine – split virion inactivated	Preflucel	Austria
		Czech Republic
Pre-pandemic influenza vaccine	Vepacel	EU
H5N1 (strain A/VIETNAM/1203/2004)		New Zealand
		Hong Kong
Pandemic influenza vaccine H5N1	Pandemic Influenza	EU
	Vaccine H5N1 Baxter	Australia
		New Zealand
		Hong Kong
		Singapore

### **INFLUENZA ANTIBODIES**



Section 4(b)(vii) – accelerate, in collaboration with HHS, research regarding rapidly scalable prophylactic influenza antibody approaches to complement a universal vaccine initiative and address gaps in current vaccine coverage.

- A collaborative approach will be needed to address rapidly scalable antibody approaches
  - JPL-Enabling Biotechnologies (JPL-EB) rapid response approach/technologies
  - <sup>o</sup> DARPA Biological Technologies office (DARPA-BTO) Pandemic Prevention Program (P-3)
  - <sup>o</sup> Interagency partners NIH animal models/screening technologies, JPM-Medial diagnostics, etc.
  - BioMap DoD/HHS interagency ADM working group
- Layered defense approach includes polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies
  - Fully human polyclonal antibody product provides rapid protection/treatment for pandemic influenza
  - <sup>o</sup> Discovery of targeted monoclonal antibodies using DARPA-BTO programs feed into
    - CHO cell-based antibody production (JPL-EB) industry standard approach
    - Highly innovative, ultra rapid nucleic acid-launched delivery technologies (DARPA-BTO).
- Appropriate funding sources will need to be identified for standup, maintenance, and response activities
  - $_{\circ}$  Some standup efforts currently funded by JPL-EB and DARPA-BTO

### CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL INCIDENT PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FUNDING



- CBIPR 'passback' funds are being used to improve responsiveness of the DoD-ADM across product lines:
  - <sup>o</sup> Pre-defining levels of response urgency to ensure maximum efficiency during an event
  - Standardizing cGMP processes, batch records, documentation to the maximum extent
  - Tailoring quality systems to enable support of rapid response activities
  - Analyzing materials flows, including all supply chains (long lead items, foreign dependencies) to ensure availability and efficiency of material release for manufacturing
  - Building computational tools to increase product manufacturability, reduce the need for process development, and decrease the product attrition rate
  - Optimize production campaign yields, and decrease production times by using high-yield and/or continuous manufacturing processes
  - Minimizing drug product release times, including real-time release methods



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