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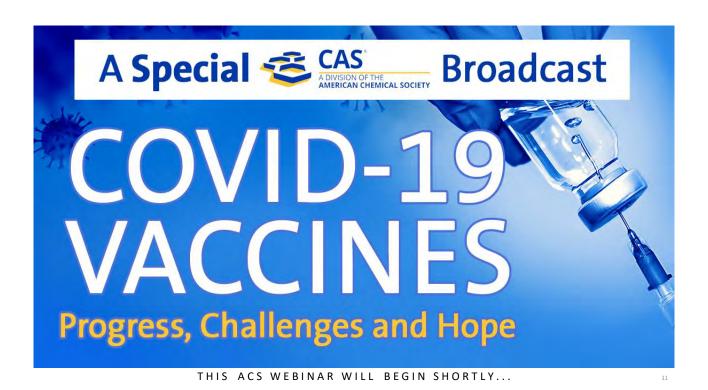
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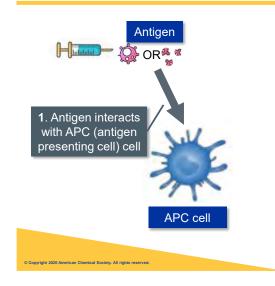
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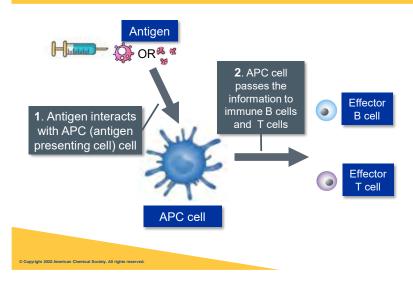


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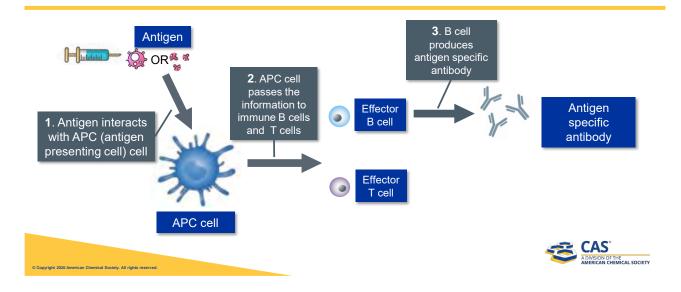


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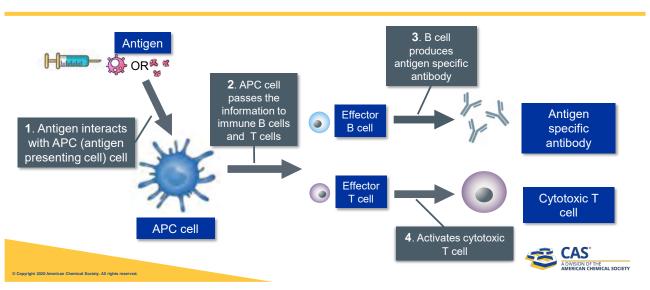




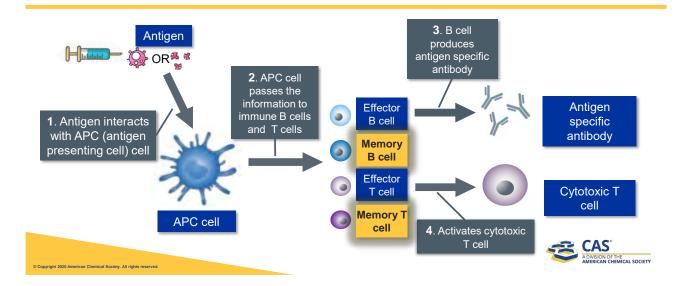
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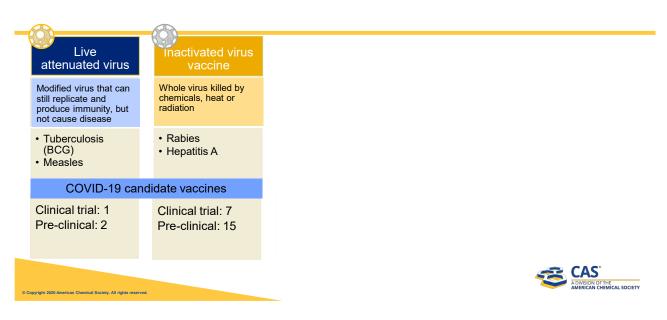
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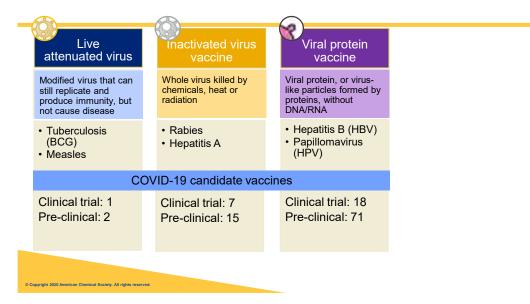
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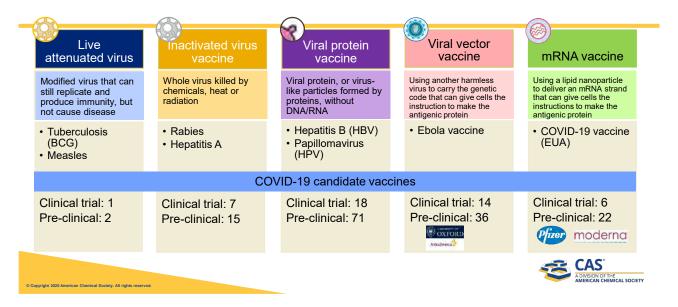


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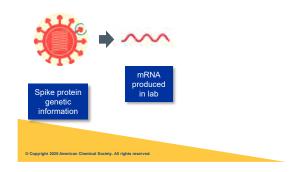


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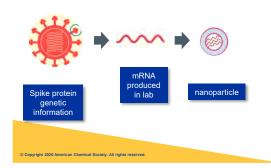
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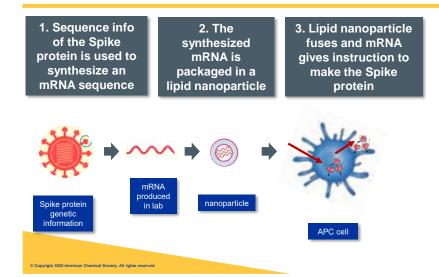
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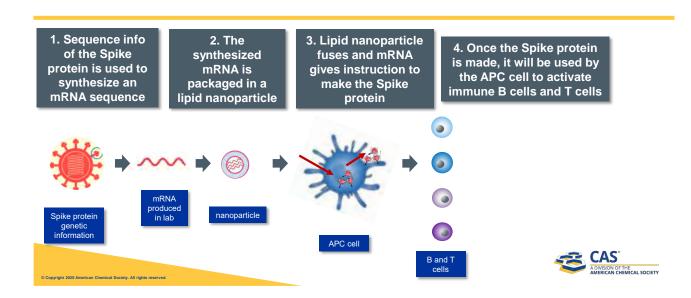


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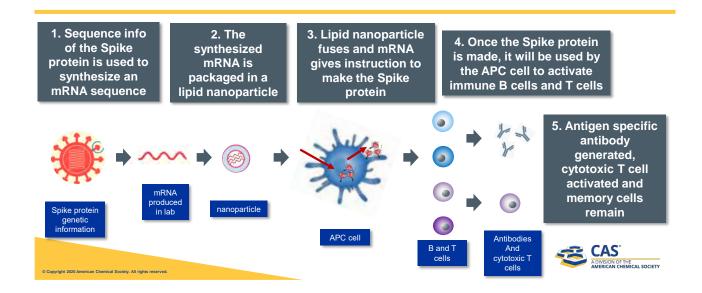




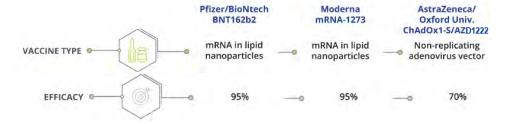
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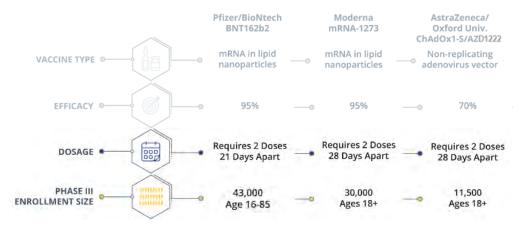


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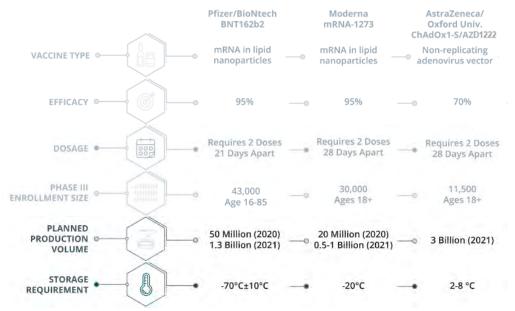
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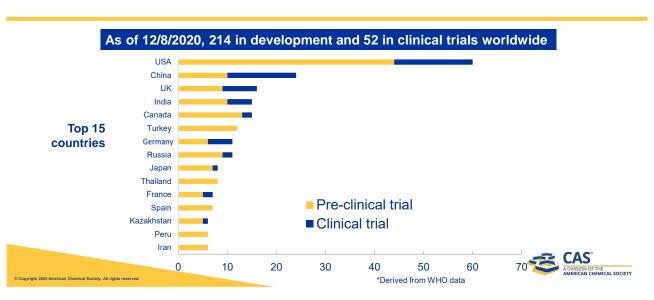


## How many COVID-19 candidate vaccines are currently in clinical trials worldwide?

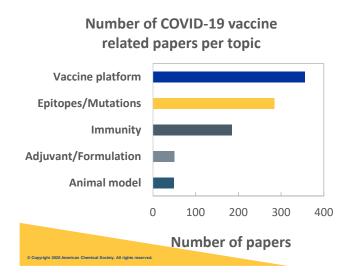
- Only a handful
- Around ten to fifteen
- Around fifty
- A hundred
- A few hundred

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## Where are COVID-19 candidate vaccines currently being developed?

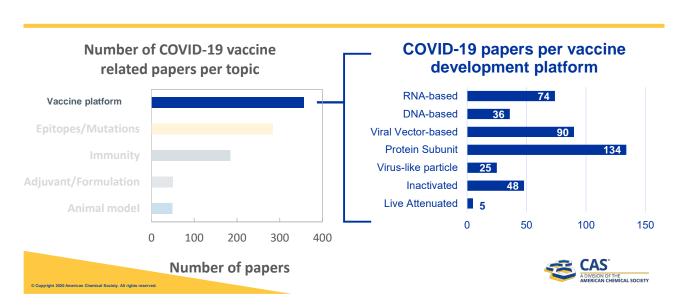


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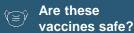
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## What are the challenges and questions?



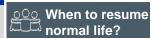
- Antibodies & memory cells
- Mutation is not as fast as that for influenza



- No compromise of safety standards in clinical trials
- Continue to assess in postmarketing surveillance

## What about herd immunity?

- Varies, but needs large % of population vaccinated
- Impact of public trust



- Effectiveness of the vaccines
- · Vaccination process
- · Social distance and masks



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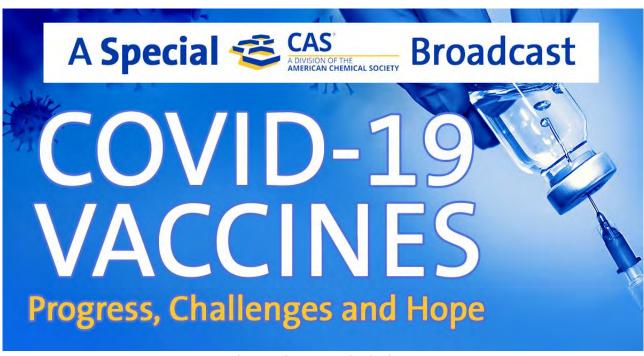
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