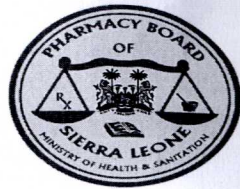




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Approval of COVID-19 vaccines in Sierra Leone

The Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone is encouraging the general public to go to the nearest Health Facility to receive the COVID-19 vaccines.

The mandate of the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone is to ensure the safe use of medicines, vaccines, medical devices and other health products and to ensure that all standards for clinical trials are complied with.

Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone has so far authorised for use in Sierra Leone the following COVAX Facility vaccines

Name of product	Manufacturer	Status of assessment (Source of data)	Effectiveness at Preventing (Ancestral Strain)		Approval Status	Date of issuance of EUA
			Severe Disease	Infection		
SARS-Cov-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (InCoV)	Sinopharm/BIPB	Manufacturer/WHO	73%	68%	EUA granted	16/02/2021
AstraZeneca (Covishield)	SK Bio, Korea	WHO	94%	63%	EUA granted	05/03/2021
Moderna Covid-19 vaccine	Moderna	WHO	97%	92%	EUA granted	09/07/2021
Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine	Pfizer-BioNTech Ltd	WHO	95%	86%	EUA granted	09/07/2021
J & J Vaccine	Janssen Infectious disease & Vaccines	WHO	86%	72%	EUA granted	07/07/2021
Oxford AstraZeneca	University of Oxford/	WHO	94%	63%	EUA granted	07/07/2021

Source: IHME correlated with documents submitted by relevant Companies or Institutions to PBSL for evaluation



Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone wants to assure the public of the safety and efficacy of these vaccines as it is closely reviewing all relevant clinical data and has to date found them safe and efficacious.

It would continue to regularly update the general public on the status of the vaccines in Sierra Leone with regards to their registration and clinical trials approval for use in the Sierra Leonean human population as per its mandate.

Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone urges all relevant health institutions to apply for registration of their COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics fee waived procedure in line with the current Ministry of Health guidelines for donated medicines, vaccines and supplies

If you feel unwell after taking the vaccines it is usually part of your body's response to the vaccine. Let Pharmacy Board know how you feel after taking the vaccine for the first dose and/or the second dose

We advise the general public to go to the nearest health facility to receive your dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Pharmacy Board has an open-line policy. For any further enquiries please contact Pharmacy Board on info@pharmacyboard.gov.sl and via a toll-free line on 099117117.

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