

# Covid-19 Vaccination Program and the National Health System

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On January 25, 2021, the Federal Ministry of Health issued a Decree establishing, as an extraordinary health action, that local governments, and social<sup>1</sup> and private<sup>2</sup> sectors, as members of the National Health System, can acquire the vaccines previously approved in Mexico, and collaborate with the Federal Health Ministry in the implementation of the National Vaccination Plan concerning Covid-19 ("NVP Covid19").

To assist in the implementation of the NVP Covid-19, the states, and the private and social sectors, must comply with the following:

- a. Submit the agreements executed with the pharmaceutical companies authorized in Mexico for the acquisition of vaccines;
- b. Report the number of doses acquired and applied, with disaggregated information;
- c. Comply with the calendar and priority established in the NVP Covid-19;
- d. Implement the controls and preventive measures established by the Federal Health Ministry;
- e. Guarantee the traceability of the vaccination process; and
- f. The vaccination plans established by the private and social sectors must be consistent with the NVP Covid19.

The acquisition of vaccines is limited to those previously approved in Mexico and directly with authorized pharmaceutical companies. Private and social entities that are not part of the National Health System cannot acquire the vaccines.

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<sup>1</sup> Social health services are those provided (directly or by contracting individual or collective insurance) by social groups and organizations to their members and their beneficiaries (article 39 of the General Health Law).

<sup>2</sup> Private health services those provided by individuals or companies under the conditions agreed with the users, and subject to the legal, civil, and commercial regulations (article 38 of the General Health Law).