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15 September 2020 – IFPMA is strongly committed to rigorous regulatory standards for approval of COVID-19 treatments and vaccines. No matter how urgently action is needed against the coronavirus public health emergency, it is imperative that the highest standards of quality, safety and efficacy are upheld everywhere. IFPMA member companies are fully committed to transparency in reporting clinical trial results whether these are good or bad; they support the need to inform the public of what they know, as well as what they don't know about the vaccines in development.

The innovative vaccine industry voiced its strong commitment to rigorous regulatory standards for approval of COVID-19 vaccines in a [statement](#). As part of this commitment, leading vaccine manufacturers issued a [pledge](#) to make the safety and well-being of vaccinated individuals a the top priority in development of the first COVID-19 vaccines.

Coinciding with the launch of the pledge, Thomas Cueni, Director General of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) wrote in an Opinion in [The Financial Times](#): “We must prioritise thorough validation of the results of pre-clinical and clinical trials by independent expert bodies. Only the most rigorous application of science and openness in the regulatory process can ensure that everyone, starting with healthcare workers, has confidence in Covid-19 vaccines once they have been properly approved”.

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