



FDA ADVISORY

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TO : THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT : CAUTION ON THE PURCHASE AND USE OF UNREGISTERED VACCINES FOR COVID-19

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advises the public against the purchase and use of vaccines sold locally or online claiming to be safe and effective in preventing COVID-19.

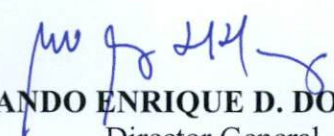
This is to inform the public that candidate vaccines for COVID-19 are still in the development stage. Currently, there is no vaccine which has completed clinical trials to prove its safety and efficacy. The FDA has not yet approved any vaccine for use against COVID-19.

Selling of unregistered vaccines is prohibited. These products have not gone through the registration process of the FDA and have not been issued with proper authorization. The agency cannot guarantee their quality, safety, and efficacy. Therefore, the use of such violative products may pose health risks to consumers. Likewise, selling and dispensing of registered products by unauthorized establishments or individuals is prohibited.

Pursuant to the Republic Act No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009", the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale offering for sale, distribution, transfer, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without proper authorization from the FDA is prohibited.

All Local Government Units (LGUs) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) are requested to ensure that unregistered products are not sold or made available in their localities or areas of jurisdiction.

During this pandemic, the public is encouraged to remain vigilant on the purchase and use of health products. Report any suspicious claims, sale or advertisement claiming as vaccine for COVID-19 to the FDA through email at covidresponse@fda.gov.ph or call at (02) 88095596.


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