



# CPME Recommendations on Pandemic Preparedness

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# Lessons Learned from COVID-19

Division of competences

'Just in case' model

Health workforce

Data Collection

Medicine Supplies

Disease Prevention

## DIVISION OF COMPETENCES

# Who does What

- Clear division of competences between Member States, WHO and WHO-Europe, the EU and its agencies, and OECD as to:

Declarations of pandemics

Containment/treatment measures

Effective data collection/sharing

Horizontal coordination on recommendations



## 'JUST IN CASE' MODEL

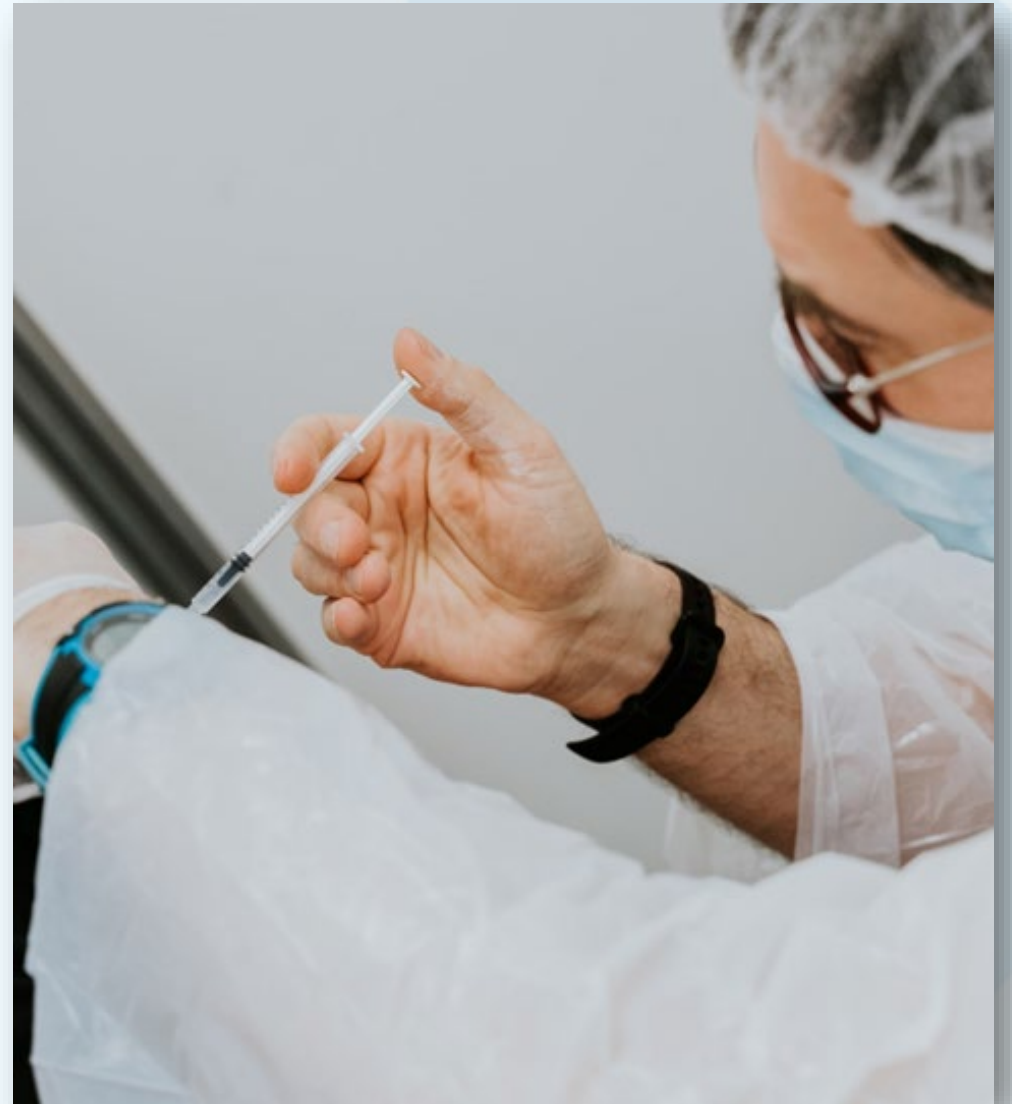
# From 'just in time' to 'just in case'

- The 'just in time' rationale used in commercial sectors cannot be applied to health systems without severe risks
- The 'just in case' model:

Baseline capacity to ensure UHC

Resources for surge capacity if needed

Permanent and guaranteed funding



## HEALTH WORKFORCE

# The health workforce is vital

- Ensure safe working conditions, incl. PPE
- Enable training, including across borders, and with 'One Health' approach
- Use data on health systems' capacities to give European Commission recommendations on minimum capacities e.g. on health workforce, ICU capacities
- Establish an EU-level health workforce observatory to support EU Member States



## DATA COLLECTION

# Data are key

- Improve data collection and sharing related to infectious diseases
  - ✓ Collect data on health systems' capacities and resources
  - ✓ Create infrastructure for (anonymised) patient-level data sharing via European Health Data Space
- Enhance the role of ECDC and EMA as the competent agencies
- Explore an EU coordination of digital exposure notification





# Supplies are indispensable

- Enhance the role of the EMA on availability and supply
- Strengthen, increase and ensure:
  - ✓ Supply chains and diversification
  - ✓ Reporting obligations e.g. on shortages
  - ✓ Access to medicines and equitable supplies
  - ✓ Joint procurement of medicines
  - ✓ Medicines and vaccines' development
- Reduce reliance on third country manufacturing



On 21 November 2020, the CPME Board adopted 'Pandemic Preparedness - European Doctors' Recommendations to the EU' (CPME 2020/111 FINAL).

### Pandemic Preparedness

#### - European Doctors' Recommendations to the EU -

*The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues<sup>1</sup>.*

#### Who does What

There must be a clear division of competences between Member States, WHO and WHO-Europe, the EU and its agencies, and OECD as to

- declarations of pandemics,
- subsequent containment or treatment measures,
- effective data collection and sharing and
- horizontal coordination on recommendations.

#### From 'just in time' to 'just in case'

Future pandemics or severe health emergencies may look different to the current pandemic. It is possible that climate related emergencies become frequent in the European region in future.

What has become clear is that the 'just in time' rationale used in commercial sectors cannot be applied to health systems without severe risks. It is necessary to adopt a 'just in case' model. The 'just in case' model must include a baseline capacity which is sufficient to ensure Universal Health Coverage ("UHC") and surge capacities which can be deployed to deal with extraordinary situations. These structures must be based on permanent and guaranteed funding, in full acceptance that obsolescence and opportunity costs cannot be avoided.

#### The health workforce is vital

Establish/Strengthen a health workforce observatory to support Member States in health workforce planning, in particular data collection and monitoring of mobility flows.

- Develop concrete recommendations for ratios on resources per population unit for

<sup>1</sup>CPME is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 9276943405-41. More information about CPME's activities can be found under [www.cpme.eu](http://www.cpme.eu)

## DISEASE PREVENTION

# Prevention is an asset not a cost

- Health promotion and disease prevention through legislation on taxation and labelling policies on alcohol and unhealthy food
- Strategies for a “healthy recovery” including action on environmental health and mental health
- Action against dis/mis-information
- Action against health inequalities, in particular for vulnerable groups e.g. regarding vaccination





# Many thanks for your attention!

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