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Policy position recommendation

1. High-risk patient populations are an absolute priority, and the pandemic response must be flexible and responsive to the evolving evidence and context.

2. It is important to maintain flexibility with vaccine populations, until such time as further research confirms the safety and effectiveness of vaccines in specific patient populations.

3. The healthcare system is at least as important as any other component to establish vaccine acceptance. The role of the healthcare system is to build confidence in the vaccine and its delivery, to provide education and information, and to respond to concerns and questions.

4. The healthcare system must ensure that vaccines are accessible, affordable, and available, and that they are delivered in a timely and effective manner.

Healthcare system considerations

- Considerations related to accessibility and availability of vaccination services, health system capacity, and resources.
- Communication and education strategies.
- Addressing disparities in vaccine acceptance.
- Engaging communities and stakeholders.