

# *Minimum criteria and checklist of requirements for countries*

Eastern Mediterranean Region COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness  
Study; Using Cohort Study in Health Care Workers' Method  
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# Suggested criteria to undertake VE evaluations of COVID-19 vaccines

- ❑ **Clear public health rationale** for conducting VE evaluation in terms of informing policy decisions nationally or regionally
- ❑ **Experienced epidemiologic team** to develop the protocol and execute the study
- ❑ **Dedicated staffing**, including experienced field team to enroll participants (supervisors, data specialists and administrative support)
- ❑ Ability to enroll **enough participants**
- ❑ **Identified sites of enrolment**; existing surveillance platforms are an advantage, but not necessary
- ❑ Availability of reliable **diagnostic tests** in the study population (e.g., rRT-PCR)
- ❑ Ability to **accurately ascertain the vaccination status** of participants (e.g., registry or EMR)
- ❑ **Data collection, management and analytic capacity** in place
- ❑ **Data dissemination plan** in place
- ❑ **Funding** secured to conduct rigorous evaluation
- ❑ Functional **ethical review committee**

## Checklist of required documents to participate in the WHO/EMRO's COVID-19 VE Study

- ✓ Principal Investigator (PI) Letter of Interest and Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- ✓ Technical proposal for COVID-19 VE study
- ✓ Other relevant supplementary documents (questionnaires, evaluation and monitoring forms, follow-up reports, etc.)
- ✓ Informed Consent Form (ICF)
- ✓ National / Provincial / Institutional Ethical Clearance (EC)
- ✓ Financial Request for Proposal