# **Available Types of** Vaccine Platforms in the United States



- When creating vaccines, it's important to consider the immune system's response to each type of virus, the population that needs to be vaccinated, and the best technology that can be utilized to create optimal vaccines1
- A variety of vaccine platforms are used to target various infectious diseases<sup>1,2</sup>
- FDA-approved vaccines that have been developed using various platforms have a demonstrated safety and efficacy profile. Each vaccine platform has its own advantages and disadvantages<sup>3</sup>

## **Viral Vaccine Technologies**



### **Inactivated Vaccines**

Killed form of the virus that causes disease, prepared by inactivating the pathogen through radiation, heat, or chemical compound use1,3

Examples: Hepatitis A, influenza, polio, rabies



#### **Subunit Vaccines**

Protein immunogens, or antigens, from the virus, usually produced through recombinant technologies<sup>3</sup> Examples: COVID-19,° hepatitis B, influenza, human papillomavirus<sup>4,5</sup>



#### **Live-Attenuated Vaccines**

Weakened form of the virus that causes disease<sup>1,3</sup>

Examples: Measles, mumps, rubella, influenza, rotavirus, smallpox, chickenpox



#### **Recombinant Vaccines**

A sequence from the genetic code of a virus is inserted inside another vector as a foreign transgene3 Examples: Hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, influenza4



#### **mRNA Vaccines**

mRNA is injected and translated into viral proteins that generate an immune response<sup>1</sup>

Example: COVID-19a,b



#### **Viral Vector Vaccines**

A modified version of a different virus is used as a vector to deliver the genetic instruction for the antigen1 Example: COVID-19<sup>b</sup>

- <sup>a</sup> Approved by the FDA.
- $^{\mathrm{b}}$  Has FDA emergency use authorization.
- <sup>c</sup> Does not have FDA emergency use authorization.

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