How are COVID vaccines being produced faster?

Usually vaccine testing and production happen in separate steps. Because of the pandemic, vaccines are being developed on parallel tracks, meaning we're still doing both steps, just at the same time.

How are the vaccines being tested?

Several different COVID vaccines were tested. Each of them goes through more than one clinical trial, first with a small group of volunteers, then a few hundred volunteers and lastly, the vaccine is tested on thousands of volunteers.

How will the vaccines get approved?

• Not all COVID vaccine versions that go through clinical trials will make it to the final stages of testing and approval.
• Produced vaccines that do not pass will be destroyed.
• For those that do make it past clinical trials, a team of medical experts will examine test results and possible side effects.
• If the vaccine works and it’s safe, it gets approved.
• Then it gets to you!

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