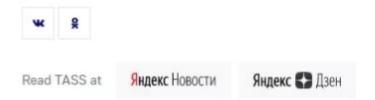


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## Putin hopes for favorable conditions for vaccination against COVID-19 in the world in 2021

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MOSCOW, 21 December. /TASS/. Russian President Vladimir Putin called vaccination against coronavirus in the world an extremely important task, expressing the hope that in 2021 there will be favorable conditions for this.



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During a videoconference on Monday dedicated to the signing of a memorandum between the Center. Gamaleya and AstraZeneca on a combination of coronavirus vaccines, the President of the Russian Federation praised the "offensive position" of AstraZeneca Executive Director Pascal Soriot in achieving the important goal of protecting against the pandemic for all mankind.

"I want to wish you success not only in the Russian market, but also in global markets, and express the hope that the new year will be favorable for your company and for solving the problems that we are talking about now," Putin addressed head of AstraZeneca. According to the president, this is an "extremely important task" for which the firm is joining forces with its counterparts, in this case