COVID-19 VACCINATION
WHILE WE WAIT....

Information for population below 50 years of age
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It will be available for beneficiaries registered on the Co-WIN portal starting with health care workers, frontline workers and prioritised population.

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PRIORITISATION OF POPULATION FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

Considering the limited availability of the vaccine initially, persons who are at maximum risk of getting infected with COVID-19 and population having risk of high mortality will be vaccinated first.

THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF THESE BENEFICIARIES ARE

Those at the greatest risk of exposure to infection and age group having high COVID related death.

Those when vaccinated would minimize the spread of the virus.

PRIORITISED GROUPS FOR PHASE 1

Health care workers

Frontline workers

Population above age of 50 years

Population with associated comorbidities such as hypertension diabetes/HIV/cancer/cardiovascular disease/chronic disease etc.

WHEN WILL POPULATION BELOW 50 YEARS OF AGE AND NOT HAVING ANY CO-MORBIDITY, BE ELIGIBLE FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION?

COVID-19 Vaccine roll-out will take place in phased manner based on vaccine availability.

PHASE 1

Specific priority groups to be covered.

PHASE 2

Guidance on the next category to be prioritised for vaccination will be announced by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVC).

Information on the Phase 2 roll-out, registration process and details about where and when of the vaccination sessions will be provided closer to the implementation period.
KEY MESSAGES WHILE WAITING FOR PHASE 2

- Do not be anxious about the availability of the vaccine, wait for your turn.
- Do not be misled by the fake vaccine marketing/promotions, as the COVID-19 vaccine is not available in the open markets yet.
- Make sure that you follow COVID Appropriate Behaviors at all times, even after vaccination.
- Attend community meetings on COVID-19 vaccination process organised in your locality while maintaining social distancing.
- You may volunteer to support implementation of Phase 1 vaccination sessions in your areas
- If feeling unwell, get tested for COVID-19 at a nearest facility; doctor’s prescription is not required. If tested positive, self-isolate immediately and seek medical support.
- If you have any questions/doubts Call 24x7 National Helpline No.1075; +91- 11-23978046.

KEY MESSAGES ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINE

- COVID-19 Vaccine is safe and effective and will be available in phased manner.
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- COVID Appropriate Behaviors are to be strictly followed at all time, even after vaccination.
- Pre-registration is a must for the eligible beneficiaries.
- Vaccine will not be given to the individuals who are not registered.
- Registration process will be guided by the mobilisers/volunteers as and when available.
- If you are unwell when at the time of your second dose of vaccine appointment, it is better to wait until you have recovered. You should try to get the second dose as soon as possible after recovery.
- You should not attend a vaccination appointment if you are self-isolating, or waiting for a COVID-19 test or unsure if you are not well.
- Complete schedule of vaccination will reduce chances of a person becoming seriously ill.

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Role of Influencers

PRIs/Ward members/community leaders/representatives of Self Help Groups (SHGs)/Mahila Arogya Samitis (MAS)/Resident Welfare Associations (RWA)

As an influencer your support to COVID-19 vaccination introductory process is invaluable, as the communities trust you and look up to you. You can play a meaningful role by using your influence in promoting the COVID-19 Vaccination process in your communities.
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ROLE OF INFLUENCER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

1. Participate in the state/district/block and Task Force meetings organized by the Health department to be a part of the COVID-19 Vaccination process and gather correct information on the process to be shared with the community.

2. Share information about the vaccine, its benefits, prioritization approach, eligibility criteria through your organization website, WhatsApp groups and other social media platforms.

3. Support the health workers in registering the eligible beneficiaries as guided by the health care workers/mobilizers.

4. Participate in community meetings to inform and engage with communities to build positive perspectives about the COVID-19 Vaccination process.

5. Support social mobilizers in counseling eligible beneficiaries who are known to be hesitant/resistant towards immunization.


7. Support Health Care Workers to identify a place for vaccination and provide necessary support in conducting the session.

8. Encourage the beneficiaries to mark the date and time of the vaccination and get vaccinated.

9. Inform people that they should not attend a vaccination appointment if they are self-isolating, or waiting for a COVID-19 test or unsure if they are not well.


ROLE OF INFLUENCER DURING VACCINATION PHASE

1. As an influencer, be present at the vaccination session site.

2. Support the inaugural process in your area if required.

3. Support frontline workers to mobilize the registered beneficiaries as per the time slots provided.

4. Promote COVID Appropriate Behaviours at the vaccination session site.

5. Support support vaccination team in crowd management and maintaining a sanitized session site.

6. Help to address any queries from the community.

7. Provide the beneficiary with contact details of the ANM/ASHA/Mobiliser to contact in case of post vaccination uneasiness.
**YOUR ROLE POST VACCINATION**

Support in identifying any drop outs from the list of registered beneficiaries and inform ANM/ASHA.

Conduct home-visits to ensure well being of the beneficiaries and to remind about the second dose of the vaccine.

In case of any adverse effects following immunization (AEFI), support the mobilisers and Health Care Workers in managing crisis situation by appealing to the community to stay calm while waiting for a proper diagnosis and prevent aggressive behavior against health workers.

Regularly update the community regarding the vaccination progress and address any questions related to vaccine eagerness and hesitancy.

Inform beneficiaries that they will receive the date and venue of the second dose through SMS.

Inform people that if they are unwell at the time of the second vaccination dose, it is better to wait for a full recovery and after recovery they should get the second dose as soon as possible.

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Role of Religious Leaders

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Role of Social Mobilisers

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ROLE OF SOCIAL MOBILISER DURING PREPARATION PHASE

1. Conduct community meetings to inform on the benefits of COVID-19 vaccine, provide details of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, eligibility criteria and address queries.

2. Counsel and support beneficiaries in the process of registration.

3. Emphasize on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination to beneficiaries through house to house distribution of IEC materials and social media platforms.

4. Support beneficiary identification and registration for COVID-19 Vaccination as per the eligibility criteria as pre-registration is compulsory for all.

5. Inform that the registered beneficiaries to carry a photo identity card to the vaccination centers.

6. Inform the beneficiaries about venue, date and time of the COVID-19 vaccination session.

7. Answer questions from the community related to why it is available in phased manner.

8. Identify, orient and engage influencers in the locality to support you in the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out and also invite them to COVID-19 vaccination sessions.

9. Ensure influencers accompany you in the mobilization activities and invite them to the COVID-19 vaccination sessions.

10. Inform beneficiaries to avoid going for vaccination incase they show any COVID-19 symptoms.

Important to disseminate correct and consistent information on COVID-19 Vaccination, processes, phased approach, beneficiary prioritization and engage the communities throughout the COVID-19 Vaccination introduction process.
ROLE OF SOCIAL MOBILISER DURING VACCINATION PHASE

- Ensure beneficiaries are called for the session as per the given time slots.
- Display the IEC materials strategically around the vaccination site to increase visibility.
- Ensure sanitizing of the venue and help in maintaining CAB among the beneficiaries.
- Support Health Care Workers to facilitate the entry and exit protocols and crowd management.
- Ensure beneficiaries wait at the session site for 30 minutes after vaccination.
- Provide the name and phone number of the concerned ANM/ASHA if there is any discomfort post vaccination.

ROLE OF SOCIAL MOBILISER DURING POST VACCINATION PHASE

- Identify drop outs from list of registered beneficiaries and coordinate with ANM/ASHA to ensure vaccination of beneficiaries.
- Remind beneficiaries of the second dose of vaccine, information which will be provided through SMS.
- Regularly update the community on vaccination process and address any vaccine related queries.
- Follow up with beneficiaries through Home-visits/phone for any minor AEFIs or discomfort.
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KEY MESSAGES

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YOUR SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

1. Be a role model for practicing the CAB in your locality.

2. Ensure that community understands and follows CAB, like use of face masks etc. at all times.

3. Get information from credible sources such as Government of India website or your ASHA, ANM or Pradhan.

4. Disseminate correct information on COVID-19 vaccination with friends, larger social circles and communities through your social media platforms - Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp groups.

5. Inform beneficiaries that they should not attend a vaccine appointment if they are self-isolating, or waiting for a COVID-19 test or unsure if they are not well.

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7. Be an authentic source of information for people with queries and doubts by keeping yourself updated with the correct information through regular contact with ASHA, ANM Health care providers etc.

8. Notify the health functionaries and mobilizers if you hear of any misinformation spreading in the community and respond with facts and correct information. Do not share/circulate/forward any information received from unverified sources.

9. Help people understand prioritisation approach for vaccination.

10. Support in beneficiary registration process of the eligible individuals.

11. Support in bringing the elderly to the vaccination centers.

12. Be a citizen journalist to amplify the positive voices/experiences of the communities.

13. Be informed on the process of vaccination and update yourself with the latest information.
YOUR SUPPORT AT THE VACCINATION SITES

- Support health care workers in setting up the vaccination site.
- Support health care workers to identify a place for vaccination and sanitizing the vaccination sites.
- Support in organizing water/soap or sanitizers, extra masks for anyone who missed wearing it and arranging seating for the beneficiaries with social distancing.
- Crowd management at the session site and checking the beneficiary list with identification card and ensuring COVID Appropriate Behaviors (CAB).
- Help beneficiaries to follow entry and exit routes to the vaccination room.
- Support Mobilisers to display IEC materials on COVID-19 vaccination at the session site.

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