



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

Shri P.K.Mohapatra, IAS,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To

All Collector & District Magistrates
The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation
Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Rourkela
All the CDM & PHOs

Sub: Facility of on-site registration in Co-WIN for 18-44 years age group vaccination – Reg.

Ref: DO No 194040712/2020/Immu dated 23rd May 2021 of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & FW

Madam/Sir,

With reference to subject & reference cited above, I am to say that the phase 3 vaccination drive commenced from 1st May 2021 and presently, the vaccination for 18 to 44 year age group has been started only in five Municipal Corporations and in Head quarter Municipalities of Khurda, Puri, Bargarh, Kalahandi, Nawarangpur and Koraput due to limited supply of vaccines. Subsequently, the vaccination of 18 to 44 year age group will be extended to all districts subject to availability of adequate vaccine supply.

Under phase 3 strategy, the MoHFW had allowed for online registration & appointment through CoWIN portal for 18 to 44 year age group to avoid overcrowding at the vaccination centres. Now, Ministry has communicated regarding on-site registration in CoWIN for 18 to 44 year age group in restricted mode considering the following points: -

- In case of sessions exclusively organized with online slots, towards the end of the day, some doses may still be left unutilized in case the online appointee beneficiaries do not turn up on day of vaccination due to any reason. In such cases, on-site registration of a few beneficiaries may be necessary to minimize the vaccine wastage.

- Even though, CoWIN provides for features such as registration of up to 4 beneficiaries with a mobile number, facilitated registration and appointments through applications, such as Arogya Setu and Umang and through the Common Service Centres etc., people requiring facilitated cohorts facility and those without access to internet or smart phones or mobile phones, may still have limited access for vaccination.

Therefore, the feature for on-site registration and appointment is also now being enabled for 18-44 years age group on CoWIN. However, this feature is being enabled only for Government COVID Vaccination Centers (CVCs), at the present moment in time. This feature will not be available for Private CVCs, presently and the Private CVCs will have to publish their vaccination schedules exclusively with slots for online appointments.

Districts & MCs must decide on opening of on-site registrations/facilitated cohorts registration and appointments for 18-44 years age group based on the local context, just as an additional measure to minimize vaccine wastage and for facilitating vaccination of eligible beneficiaries in the age group 18-44 years not having access of smart phone/internet access.

Clear instructions must be given to all the District Immunization Officers to strictly adhere to the decision of using the on-site registration and appointment feature for 18 to 44 years age group. Fully reserved sessions can also be organized for providing vaccination services to the beneficiaries belonging to facilitated cohorts. Wherever such fully reserved sessions are organized, all efforts must also be made to mobilize such beneficiaries in sufficient number. It is advised that sessions with a mix of online and on-site slots may be avoided to the extent possible. Some of the vaccination centers may exclusively be designated for organizing fully reserved sessions. Alternatively, fully reserved and fully online sessions may be organized on different days on vaccination centers. Only a small number/proportion of total slots in a session published for online appointments may be kept as reserved slots for on-site registration/appointment for the purpose of minimizing Vaccine wastage.

Therefore, I would like to request you to schedule the 18 - 44 year age group vaccination sessions with due care of onsite/on-spot registration to avoid overcrowding at vaccination centers.

Enclosure: MoHFW letter dated 23rd May 2021

Memo No 15590 /H

Copy forwarded to the Mission Director, NHM, Odisha for kind information.

Memo No 15591 /H

Copy forwarded to DFW, Odisha for information & necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Date 25-05-2021

Deputy Secretary to Government

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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
D.O No. 1940407/2020/Imm.
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Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, with the launch of phase II of the National Vaccination Drive on 1st March 2021, facility for only online registration and appointment of citizens aged 45 years or more was offered on CoWIN; and that the feature for on-site registration and appointment was introduced later for these priority groups. Subsequently, the coverage of vaccination was expanded to people in the age group of 18 to 44 years on 1st May 2021. It has been a considered decision of the Government to offer only online appointment mode initially to people in the age group of 18 to 44 years, in order to avoid overcrowding at the vaccination centers.

2. In this context, based on the various representations given by the States and inputs received by this Ministry for the vaccination of 18-44 years age group, it has been decided to provide facility of on-site registration in Co-WIN for 18-44 years age group in restricted mode considering following points:-

- (i) In case of sessions exclusively organized with online slots, towards the end of the day, some doses may still be left unutilized in case the online appointee beneficiaries do not turn up on day of vaccination due to any reason. In such cases, on-site registration of a few beneficiaries may be necessary to minimize the vaccine wastage.
- (ii) Even though, CoWIN provides for features such as registration of up to 4 beneficiaries with a mobile number, facilitated registration and appointments through applications, such as Arogya Setu and Umang and through the Common Service Centres etc., people requiring facilitated cohorts facility and those without access to internet or smart phones or mobile phones, may still have limited access for vaccination.

3. Therefore, the feature for on-site registration and appointment is also now being enabled for 18-44 years age group on CoWIN. However, this feature is being enabled only for Government COVID Vaccination Centers (CVCs), at the present moment in time. This feature will not be available for Private CVCs, presently and the Private CVCs will have to publish their vaccination schedules exclusively with slots for online appointments.

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4. It is advised that:-

- (i) This feature is used only upon decision of the respective State/UT Government to do so. State/UT must decide on opening of on-site registrations/facilitated cohorts registration and appointments for 18-44 years age group based on the local context, just as an additional measure to minimize vaccine wastage and/or facilitating vaccination of eligible beneficiaries in the age group 18-44 years.
- (ii) Clear instructions must be issued to all the District Immunization Officers to strictly adhere to the decision of the respective State/UT Government regarding the extent and manner of using the on-site registration and appointment feature for 18 to 44 years age group.
- (iii) Fully reserved sessions can also be organized for providing vaccination services to the beneficiaries belonging to facilitated cohorts. Wherever such fully reserved sessions are organized, all efforts must also be made to mobilize such beneficiaries in sufficient numbers.
- (iv) It is advised that sessions with a mix of online and on-site slots may be avoided to the extent possible. Some of the vaccination centers may exclusively be designated for organizing fully reserved sessions. Alternatively, fully reserved and fully online sessions may be organized on different days on a vaccination centers.
- (v) Only a small number/proportion of total slots in a session published for online appointments, may be kept as reserved slots for on-site registration/appointment for the purpose of minimizing vaccine wastage.

5. It is reiterated that the features for--(1) on-site registrations/facilitated Cohorts Registration; and (2) prior online appointments for the 18 to 44 years age group should be used by the States/UTs as a measure to optimally utilize the planned capacity of vaccination sessions for this age group. Abundant caution should be exercised and extreme due care should be taken while opening up of on-site registration and appointment for 18-44 years age group, in order to avoid overcrowding at vaccination centres.

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely


(Rajesh Bhushan)

To : Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Health – All States/UTs