

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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File No. PT2-HFW-SCH-I-MISC-0023-2020 - 15058 /H Dated, 18-05-2021

From

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

To

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

**Sub:- Revised schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination of Covishield with stipulated time interval of 12 to 16 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose – Reg.**

**Ref:- (i) D.O. No. 1940407/2020/Imm dated, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & FW and (ii) Letter No.14783/H dated, 14.05.2021 of this Department.**

Madam/Sir,

In continuance to this Department letter dated, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 regarding revised schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination of Covishield with stipulated time interval of 12 to 16 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose, MoHFW have made requisite changes in Co-WIN Portal as follows: -

1. Further online or on-site appointment will not be possible, if the period after 1<sup>st</sup> dose date for a beneficiary is less than 84 days.
2. **Already booked online appointments for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose will remain valid and are not being cancelled by Co-WIN.** The beneficiaries shall be informed about the revised schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose and shall be advised to re-schedule their appointment for a later date beyond the 84<sup>th</sup> day from date of 1<sup>st</sup> dose vaccination.
3. However, if a pre-booked beneficiary chooses to take 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine even if the period for him/her is less than 84 days, Co-WIN system will allow vaccination of such beneficiary.

In this context, I am to reiterate that the online appointments booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Covishield prior to this changed must be honoured. Vaccinators / Verifiers / Programme Officers should be instructed that if such beneficiaries do come for vaccination the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose must be administered and they should not be turned away.

You are requested to disseminate the above instructions among the Programme Officers, Programme Managers, Vaccinators / Verifiers in your District / Corporation to strictly follow the same.

**Enclosure:- MoHFW letter dated, 16.05.21 and letter dated, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 of this Department.**

Yours faithfully,

  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 15059 /H

Dated, 18-05-2021

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18/05/2021  
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 15060 /H

Dated, 18-05-2021

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D.O. No. 1940407/2020/Imm.  
Dated, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Colleague,

Please refer to the D.O. No. 1940407/2020/Imm., dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021, vide which the recommendations of the NEGVAC and their acceptance, regarding the minimum stipulated period of 12 to 16 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVISHIELD vaccine was communicated.

Please take note that the requisite changes have now been done in the CoWIN portal. As a result -

1. Further online or on-site appointments will not be possible if the period after 1<sup>st</sup> dose date for a beneficiary is less than 84 days.
2. **Already booked online appointments for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose will remain valid** and are not being cancelled by COWIN. Beneficiaries may be advised through suitable IEC that they should reschedule their appointments for a later date beyond the 84<sup>th</sup> day from the date of 1<sup>st</sup> dose vaccination.
3. If however, a pre-booked beneficiary chooses to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine even if the period for him/her is less than 84 days, COWIN system will allow vaccination of such beneficiaries.

In light of the above, it is reiterated that the online appointments booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVISHIELD prior to this change, must be honoured. The field staff may be instructed that, if such beneficiaries do come for vaccination, **the second dose must be administered and they must not be turned away**. Suitable IEC may also be done in this regard.

Warm regards

Yours sincerely

  
(Vikas Sheel) 16/5/21

To,

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Health-All States/UTs





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Ref:- D.O. No.1940407/2020/ Imm dated, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 of Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & FW

Madam/Sir,

With reference to letter cited above on the subject, I am to say that the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) and National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) have recommended "the revision in schedule of Covishield to administer the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose at 12 to 16 weeks interval after 1<sup>st</sup> dose" instead of earlier interval 6 to 8 weeks.

**It is to note that the revised time interval between two doses is applicable only to Covishield Vaccine and not to Covaxin Vaccine.** The time interval between two doses of Covaxin remains the same i.e. 4 to 6 weeks.

In current scenario, the load for Covishield 2<sup>nd</sup> dose due beneficiaries at the district level will be very minimal. Hence, priority shall be given for vaccination of 1<sup>st</sup> dose beneficiaries i.e. HCWs, FLWs and 45 years & above.

You are, therefore, requested to take necessary steps at your level to widely disseminate the above revised schedule for Covishield among all Programme Officers, Programme Managers, Verifiers, Vaccinators and Citizens.

**Enclosure: As above.**

Yours faithfully,

14/05/2021  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Dated, 14.05.2021

Memo No. 14784 /H

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14/05/2021  
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