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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:- Updates on recommendations of NEGVAC for Covid-19 Vaccination – Reg.

Ref: - D.O. No- 1940407/2020/Imm dated, 19th May, 2021 of the Govt. of India, MoHFW

Madam/Sir,

I am to say that based on evolving situation of the pandemic, the emerging scientific evidences and experiences from across the globe, National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has made the following recommendations, which have been accepted by MoHFW, Govt. of India, regarding COVID-19 vaccination: -

1. Deferring the COVID-19 vaccination in the following scenario:

- i. In case of individuals having lab test proven for SARS-2 COVID-19 illness, COVID-19 vaccination is to be **deferred by 3 months after recovery**.
 - ii. In case of SARS-2 COVID-19 patients who have been given anti-SARS-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, COVID-19 vaccination is to be **deferred by 3 months from discharge** from the hospital.
 - iii. In case of individuals who have received at least the 1st dose and got COVID-19 infection before completion of the dosing schedule, the 2nd dose should be **deferred by 3 months from clinical recovery** from COVID-19 illness.
 - iv. Persons with any other serious general illness requiring hospitalization or ICU care should also **wait for 4-8 weeks before getting the COVID-19 vaccine**.
2. An individual can donate blood **after 14 days** of either receipt of COVID-19 vaccine or testing RT-PCR negative, if suffering from COVID-19 disease.
 3. COVID-19 vaccination is **recommended for all lactating women**.
 4. There is **no requirement for screening** of the vaccine recipients by Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) prior to COVID-19 vaccination.

You are, therefore, requested to disseminate the above recommendations among the Programme Officers, Programme Managers, Supervisors, Vaccinators and Verifiers through training for effective implementation of the same. Adequate IEC activities shall be conducted at local level through different media to generate awareness among the citizens.

Enclosure:- As above.

Yours faithfully,


Addl. Chief Secretary to Government

Dated, 20-5-2021

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Deputy Secretary to Government

Dated, 20-5-2021

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Deputy Secretary to Government



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RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
SECRETARY

Dear Chief Secretary,

The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has been guiding the strategy for COVID-19 vaccination roll-out in the country. Keeping in mind the evolving situation of the pandemic, the emerging scientific evidence and experience from across the globe, NEGVAC has made the following recommendations, which have been accepted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, regarding COVID-19 vaccination.

1. Deferring the COVID-19 vaccination in the following scenario:
 - i. In case of individuals having lab test proven SARS-2 COVID-19 illness, COVID-19 vaccination to be deferred by 3 months after recovery.
 - ii. In case of SARS-2 COVID-19 patients who have been given anti-SARS-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, COVID-19 vaccination to be deferred by 3 months from discharge from the hospital.
 - iii. In case of individuals who have received atleast the 1st dose and got COVID-19 infection before completion of the dosing schedule, the 2nd dose should be deferred by 3 months from clinical recovery from COVID-19 illness.
 - iv. Persons with any other serious general illness requiring hospitalization or ICU care should also wait for 4-8 weeks before getting the COVID-19 vaccine.
2. An individual can donate blood after 14 days of either receipt of COVID-19 vaccine or testing RT-PCR negative, if suffering from COVID-19 disease.
3. COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all lactating women.
4. There is no requirement for screening of the vaccine recipients by Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) prior to COVID-19 vaccination.

I request you to kindly direct the concerned officials to take note of the aforesaid recommendations and undertake necessary action for their effective execution. You may also ensure effective dissemination of the information to service providers as well as the general public in this regard using all forms of media as well as the local language. The requisite training of the vaccination staff at all levels may also be organized.

I am confident of your support and leadership in this important national endeavour.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Chief Secretary/Administrator of all States & UTs

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