



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

File No. PT2-HFW-SCH-I-MISC-0023-2020- 15381 /H Dated, 22-05-2021
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 CDM & PHOs

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

Ref:- D.O. No. 1940407/2020/Imm dated, 19th May, 2021 & dated, 20th May, 2021 of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & FW and No.15287/H dated, 20.05.2021 of H & FW Department

Madam/Sir,

In continuation to this Department letter dated, 20.05.2021, it is further clarified by MoHFW that the recommendation of NEGVAC for COVID-19 Vaccination on Deferring COVID-19 vaccination in specified scenarios, blood donation after Covid-19 disease or vaccination and vaccination of lactating women are **applicable for both Covishield and Covaxin vaccine.**

You are, therefore, requested to disseminate the above communication among the Programme Officers, Programme Managers, Supervisors, Vaccinators and Verifiers during training for effective implementation of the same.

Enclosure: As above.

Yours faithfully,


Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 15382 /H

Dated, 22.05.2021

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Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 15383 /H

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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

19th May, 2021

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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Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM)

D.O. No. 1940407/2020/Imm

Dated: 20th May 2021

Dear Colleague,

This is in reference to letter of even no. dated 19th May'2021, from Secretary (H&FW), Govt. of India addressed to Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all States and UTs (copy enclosed). The recommendations of NEGVAC that have been accepted by MoHFW pertaining to deferring of COVID-19 vaccination in specified scenarios, blood donation after COVID-19 disease or vaccination, and vaccination of lactating women were communicated vide this letter.

In this regard, it is further clarified that these recommendations in the aforementioned letter are applicable for both Covishield and Covaxin vaccine being used in the ongoing vaccination drive.

Your attention is also drawn to the letter from Secretary (H&FW) of even number dated 13th May'21 (copy enclosed) wherein it was informed that the time interval between two doses of Covishield has been revised to 12-16 weeks while that for Covaxin remains the same at 4 weeks.

The States/UTs are requested to kindly take action as per these aforesaid letters from Secretary (H&FW) including informing and orienting all the district & sub-district teams about these revised guidelines.

with warm regards

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure: As above


(Vandana Gurnani)

To

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary of all the States/ UTs

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D.O No. 1940407/2020/lmm
13th May 2021

Dear Colleague,

COVID-19 vaccination drive in India has completed 117 days during which we have been able to vaccinate 17.7 crore beneficiaries of which 3.9 crore beneficiaries have completed the two doses schedule of vaccination as per the recommended interval of 4 weeks for Covaxin and 6-8 weeks for Covishield. This has been possible due to the proactive involvement of all States and UTs.

2. In view of the emerging scientific evidences, the interval between two doses of a specified COVID-19 vaccine i.e. COVISHIELD, has been revisited by Covid Working Group of The National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) and subsequently by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) in its meeting held on 12th May 2021. NEGVAC has recommended revision in schedule of Covishield to administer the 2nd dose at 12-16 weeks interval after 1st dose instead of earlier interval of 6-8 weeks.
3. MoHFW, Government of India has since accepted the recommendation of NTAGI and NEGVAC. Therefore, the States and UTs are advised to ensure 2nd dose of Covishield to beneficiaries within this stipulated time interval of 12-16 weeks after 1st dose.
4. I request you to kindly instruct the concerned officials to undertake necessary steps to widely disseminate the message of revised dosing interval amongst programme managers, vaccinators and recipients of COVISHIELD vaccine and ensure adherence of revised dosing interval. Requisite changes are being carried out in the Co-WIN platform and would be separately communicated to the States/UTs. **You are also requested to note that this decision of revised time interval between two doses is applicable only to Covishield and not to Covaxin vaccine.**

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Chief Secretary, All States & UTs,

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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: -

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