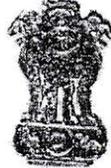




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RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
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Dear Chief Secretary,

The National COVID-19 Vaccination Program has covered 95.5% of the eligible population (15 years and above) with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine while more than 80% of the eligible beneficiaries are fully vaccinated. More than 180 crore vaccine doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered. This mammoth task has been made possible with the active support from States/UTs. Precaution dose is also being administered to the Health Care Workers, Front Line Workers, and 60 years and above age group with comorbidities since 10th January 2022.

2. National COVID-19 vaccination program has continuously been guided by scientific evidences and global best practices. On the recommendation of the experts it has now been decided to further expand the coverage of COVID-19 vaccination as follows:

- COVID-19 vaccination of children in the age group of 12-14 years to be started from 16th March 2022. Only Corbevax vaccine would be used for the beneficiaries of age group 12-13 and 13-14 years. Beneficiaries between 14-15 years have already been covered in the vaccination for 15-18 years' age group.
- Precaution dose can now be provided to all persons of 60 years and above age. The prioritization and sequencing of this precaution dose would be based on completion of 9 months i.e. 39 weeks from the date of administration of second dose. Vaccination of precaution dose should be with the same vaccine with which primary vaccination was done (homologous).

All citizen irrespective of their income status are entitled to free COVID-19 vaccination at Govt. Covid Vaccination Centers. Doses of all three vaccines being used under the National Covid Vaccination Programme i.e. Covisheild, Covaxin and CorBEvax are available in sufficient quantities in the States/UTs.

3. A detailed guideline prepared for vaccination of children of 12-14 years is annexed (Annexure-1). As CorBEvax vaccine is approved only for those above 12 years of age, it should be ensured that children who are above 12 years of age only, are vaccinated i.e. those who are born on or before 15th March 2010. The vaccinator and verifier should ensure that beneficiaries less than 12 years on the date of vaccination are not vaccinated even if he/she is registered on CoWIN.

4. The State/UTs wise projected number of 12-14 years age group provided by Registrar General of India (RGI) is annexed (Annexure-2). The State/UT wise projected number of 60 years and above age group provided by Registrar General of India is also annexed (Annexure-3).

5. I look forward to your continuous support in this endeavor to effectively address the pandemic.

Warm Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

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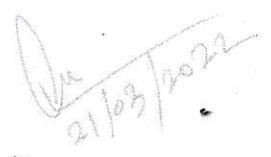
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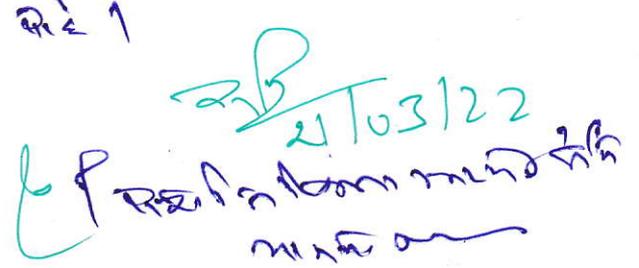
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