



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health and Family Welfare Department - State guidelines regarding COVID vaccination - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

Nation has been successfully conducting the COVID vaccination drive since 16th January 2021 and our State has also taken adequate measures in ensuring the successful conduct of the drive.

At present Government of India CoWIN portal does not restrict people at the grassroots, Panchayath/ Municipalities/ Corporation to get vaccinated from local body areas other than from their place of residence and peoples' representatives have suggested to ensure residents of the Panchayath/Municipality/Corporation areas need to be given vaccination. There are other issues such as elderly population, people with morbidity also need to be prioritized as the mortality due to covid infection among elderly population with or without comorbidity is higher.

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue the State guidelines regarding COVID vaccination as detailed below:

- a. District Collectors will coordinate with Health Department for planning vaccination in the district.
- b. District Collectors shall coordinate with LSGD, Police and other line departments and Civil Society to ensure proper arrangements at Vaccination Centres to give vaccination to identified segments by ensuring covid protocol and covid appropriate behaviour.

CAMPAIGN I -

- i. All elderly people of age 60 years and above not yet received 1st dose shall be covered before 15th August 2021.
- ii. The ward wise list of people of age 60 and above and not yet received the 1st dose shall be prepared and under proper arrangements the vaccination sessions shall be conducted.

CAMPAIGN II -

- i. All bedridden patients above 18 years of age to be identified and vaccinated by 15th August 2021.
- ii. The mobile vaccination unit to be deployed to do vaccination of all remaining bedridden patients.

CAMPAIGN III -

- i. After completing the above two segments, depending on the availability of vaccines for rest of the segments the vaccination to be planned and conducted properly.
- ii. The principle adapted is to ensure vulnerability reduction of most at risk by ensuring the 1st dose to such individuals, as the rate of fatality is more among the people with comorbidities.
- iii. People can register online in CoWIN portal and book the vaccination session. 50% of slots are open for online registration and 50% shall be earmarked for spot registration.
- iv. People registering online shall ensure that they are registering in the Panchayath/ Municipality/ Corporation they reside, preferably in the same ward.

If any registration is done outside the residing Panchayath/Municipality/ Corporation, such individuals will be asked to avail vaccination from their residing Panchayath/ Municipality/ Corporation as per the availability of vaccines. Therefore all people are instructed to register in their residing local body.

- v. The prioritization of the Vaccination within the Ward is done based on the

following order of priority.

- vi. Beneficiaries for the 50% spot registration slots will be selected strictly in the order of following priority:
 - a. Beneficiaries above 60 years who are due for second dose
 - b. All bedridden individuals above 18 years - due for second dose
 - c. Beneficiaries 45-60 years with comorbidities - first dose
 - d. Beneficiaries 18-44 years with comorbidities. - first dose
 - e. Beneficiaries 45-60 years with comorbidities - second dose
 - f. Beneficiaries 18-44 years with comorbidities - second dose
 - g. 18 years above -Priority groups notified by the State government so far.
 - h. Others 18 years above upto 44 yrs (Not having any comorbidity, healthy individual) in descending order of the age. (Give vaccine first to the older person)

At ward level, the lists may be kept ready based on the above mentioned order of precedent.

Such Ward level lists to be appropriately consolidated and allocated to the respective Covid Vaccination Centres in the respective Local Body.

3. The detailed guidelines are attached as Annexure.

(By order of the Governor)
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Principal Secretary

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The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.

Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E) of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collectors.

All District Medical Officers.

Disaster Management Department.

Information & Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department.

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Section Officer

ANNEXURE

Guidelines for conduct of COVID vaccination

- I. This guideline is being issued for the smooth conduct of COVID vaccination drive in the State after taking into consideration all previous guidance issued in this regard and the experience of the districts in vaccination.
- II. State has been successfully conducting COVID vaccination drive since 16th January 2021 and has so far administered more than 2.10 crore doses of COVID vaccine as on 04/08/21. Well planned and coordinated efforts by the districts helped in ensuring that more than 50 % of eligible population (> 18 years as per projected population 2021) got vaccinated with first dose and more than 20 % got both doses by now.
- III. Kerala has recorded the lowest sero prevalence (44.4%) of antibodies to SARS COV2, in the country, as per the 4th National Sero-Prevalence Survey by ICMR. While this proves the effectiveness of the preventive measures adopted by the State, this further points towards the need to accelerate the vaccination process and achieve universal coverage among the eligible population within the shortest time. In this regard following guidance is issued for the further conduct of COVID vaccination drive.
- IV. **General Instructions:**
 1. All above 18 years (as on 1st January 2022) are eligible for COVID vaccination including pregnant and lactating women.
 2. Prioritisation of beneficiaries within a particular age group will be done as per the instructions
 3. Beneficiaries can avail vaccination services from-
 - i. Government CVCs -free of cost
 - ii. Private CVCs- on payment basis.
 4. Currently, following three COVID vaccines are available in the State.

Vaccine Type	Availability	Schedule
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Covishield	Government & Private sector	2 doses 12-16 weeks apart
Covaxin	Government & Private sector	2 doses 4-6 weeks apart
Sputnik V	Private sector	2. doses 21 days apart

V. Allocation of Vaccines to Districts from GOI supply.

1.COVID Vaccines received from GOI will be allocated to districts by the State team constituted for the purpose based on

- a. Target population-- persons above 18 years.
- b. Beneficiaries due for second dose.
- c. Vaccine utilisation rate of the district.
- d. Balance stock available in the district at the time of allocation of new stock.

2. Districts will be informed well in advance the vaccine delivery schedule of GOI to the State. Districts must prepare an action plan for collection of vaccine from respective Regional Vaccine Store and further distribution of the stock to the cold chain points.

3. Districts must proportionately distribute the vaccine to each cold chain point based on the priority suggested.

Eg: Suppose District X gets 10,000 doses from the State, district may perform the following exercise.

CVC NAME	Target Population			Proportion	Vaccine allotment as per proportion*
	Population > 18 years yet to receive Dose 1	2nd dose due	Total		
CVC 1	1800	60	1860	7.58%	760
CVC 2	2975	200	3175	12.93%	1290
CVC 3	3000	432	3432	13.98%	1400
CVC 4	1542	198	1740	7.09%	710
CVC 5	1000	65	1065	4.34%	430
CVC 6	1872	287	2159	8.80%	880
CVC 7	2987	531	3518	14.33%	1430

CVC 8	1765	298	2063	8.40%	840
CVC 9	1098	48	1146	4.67%	470
CVC 10	4267	123	4390	17.88%	1790
Total	22306	2242	24548	100.00%	10000

*District may further assess the current stock available in each CVC and do rearrangements so that CVC with better vaccine utilisation rate is allotted more, and situation of stock lying idle at any CVC can be prevented.

Distribution and allocation to beneficiaries at the local body level- (Panchayath, Municipality and Corporation) should also be performed in an objective manner. Within the local body the ward/division wise list of the beneficiaries according to order of precedent should be identified and prepared, and upon receipt of batches of vaccine doses, the vaccine should be allocated to the COVID vaccination Centres. This list should be updated and maintained to ensure objectivity.

VI. Registration of Beneficiaries for vaccination

1. First step in ensuring universal coverage of covid vaccination is to ensure the successful registration of all eligible beneficiaries in CoWIN. Districts should undertake IEC activities to promote the registration.
2. For online slots people can register themselves. The person belonging to the Panchayath/Municipality/ Corporation to select the vaccine slots in the same Panchayath/ Municipality/ Corporation. Even if they select the other area, they will be instructed to avail vaccination in their residing Panchayth/ Municipality/ Corporation
3. In case of beneficiaries who do not have digital access or technical knowledge to do self-registration, districts must facilitate their registration with support of ASHA workers under WAVE campaign. Assistance of volunteers and line departments including LSGD may be sought for this activity.

VII. Conduct of vaccination session.

1. Districts must ensure that all CVCs are functioning as per the operational guidelines on COVID vaccine issued by MOHFW and sessions are conducted following COVID protocol.
2. All vaccination sessions must be published in CoWIN well in advance based on the availability of COVID vaccine stock.
3. All sessions must have 50 % online slots 50% on spot registration slots.
4. 50% online slots published can be booked by anybody above 18 years of age.
5. Beneficiaries for the 50% spot registration slots will be selected in the order of following priority:
 - a. Beneficiaries above 60 years who are yet to receive 1st dose.
 - b. All bedridden individuals above 18 years –due for 1st dose
 - c. All bedridden individuals above 18 years – due for 2nd dose
 - d. Beneficiaries above 60 years who are due for 2nd dose
 - e. Beneficiaries 45-60 years with comorbidities – 1st dose
 - f. Beneficiaries 18-44 years with comorbidities. – 1st dose
 - g. Beneficiaries 45-60 years with comorbidities – 2nd dose
 - h. Beneficiaries 18-44 years with comorbidities – 2nd dose
 - i. 18 yrs above -Priority groups notified by the State government so far.
 - j. Others 18 yrs above upto 44 yrs in descending order of the age
6. District Administration in coordinated way with the Nodal officer in charge of COVID vaccination centre must prepare the ward wise list of beneficiaries based on the prioritisation mentioned above and ensure their timely vaccination.
7. NCD database available at the health institutions may be referred while preparing the database.
8. In addition to the sessions at the vaccination centre, districts may also plan outreach sessions to ensure the vaccination of the prioritised population as identified by the government.

9. LSGD may help in mobilising the beneficiaries for spot registration as per the prioritisation.
10. Home vaccination of palliative patients to be completed on priority basis.

/III. Role of various departments in vaccination drive.

Department	Role
Health Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registration drive. ● Preparation of list of beneficiaries for vaccination ● Planning of session ● Publishing of session in CoWIN ● Conduct of session as per plan ● IEC activities
LSGD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support in registration drive ● Support in mobilising beneficiaries to vaccination centres based on priority list prepared. ● Support in arranging additional logistics & infrastructure / HR if needed for conduct of session. ● IEC activities
Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support in organizing vaccination sessions-Logistics & Infrastructure ● Overall coordination at session sites
Home Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support in crowd management ● Maintain the law-and-order situation

Civil Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Support in mobilization of identified people in the Ward list for vaccination● Covid appropriate behaviour assistance● Any other assistance
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