

## COVID-19 (nCorona) Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell Health & Family Welfare Department Government of Kerala

## COVID 19 VACCINATION – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose eligible people prioritization No.19/31/F2/ 2020 HEALTH- 28th April 2021

State has been successfully conducting the COVID vaccination drive from 16th January onwards. In view of the surge in COVID, as a part of crowd management at the vaccination centre it was instructed to conduct vaccination with prior online booking only from 22nd April 2021 onwards and the Districts have successfully implemented the same. However due to limited stocks made available by the Min of Health and Family Welfare Govt of India, districts have been able to open only limited slots and most of the slots are getting booked by new beneficiaries for first dose. As a result, many of the beneficiaries who are due for second dose are not able get an online appointment and hence unable to complete the schedule.

In order to streamline the vaccination to age group above 45 yrs elderly people the following guidelines are issued:

- 1. While scheduling a session at a CVC, priority shall be given to those who are due for second dose. The second dose of Covishield is to be preferably administered between 6-8 weeks and that of Covaxin at 4-6 weeks after first dose.
- 2. List of the beneficiaries due for the second dose at each centre can be accessed from the CoWIN portal. CVC Managers shall mobilise these beneficiaries due for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination with support of ASHA workers, LSGD staff etc and vaccinate them after adding them to the session through **spot allotment**.
- 3. Due care shall be taken at the vaccination centres to have a separate counter for elderly people and people with disabilities.
- 4. Only those slots which will be remaining after catering to the second dose beneficiaries as per the due list, must be published online for booking.

Eg: If 80 beneficiaries are due for second dose at a particular centre and their daily capacity is 100, then the only 20 slots must be made online.

Remaining 80 slots must be utilised for giving second dose through spot allotment.

5. In order to avoid crowding at the centre due to spot allotment, while mobilising the eligible beneficiary as said in point 2, each such beneficiary must be given a specific date and time slot for vaccination.

Utmost care shall be taken to ensure covid appropriate beahviour at the Vaccination Centres.

It is hereby also brought to the notice of districts that, as communicated from MOHFW (DO letter number 1920764/2020-Imm dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021), with the implementation of Liberalised Pricing and Accelerated National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 onwards, Private CVCs will have to procure COVID vaccine directly from manufacturers and will not be getting vaccine from the Ministry supply. Hence districts are advised to encourage the Private CVC to utilise the balance stock available with them by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. If any stock is left behind after the above said date, it must be made sure that vaccine is administered only to population above 45 at the nominal rate of Rs 250 which was fixed by the Ministry. Details regarding reimbursement of payments made, (in case of pending vaccine delivery), will be shared once MOHFW / NHA issues guidance in this regard.

Principal Secretary