

Key Messages

VACCINE INTRODUCTION

- This is the first time that a vaccine for COVID- 19 has been developed and launched in the country.
- The vaccine will help to protect you, your family and communities from the Coronavirus
- The vaccine provides immunity against the Coronavirus disease and reduces the risk of contracting the COVID-19 infection
- This is an injectable vaccine
- This is a safe vaccine, has gone through various trials and has been developed after scientific research.
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- Once you have registered yourself, you will receive the vaccine in the selected location near your home. The vaccination date, time and site will be intimated to you on your registered mobile number through SMS.
- If you are a health worker, or work as a health care provider get yourself registered for the vaccine using the online registration system known as the CO- WIN platform
- If you work as a frontline worker (police, home-guard, municipal workers, armed force) you will probably receive the vaccine in first phase be a part of the priority group
- The vaccine will be provided free of cost in the government health facility or at the designated vaccination centers

VACCINE EAGERNESS

- The government is planning to provide the vaccine for COVID-19 to whoever needs it. However, because of limited vaccine availability in the initial phase, it might take some time before it can be made available widely. Some people may have to wait for their turn to get the vaccine.
- With limited supply of vaccines in the initial phase, it will be provided to those people first who are at maximum risk of getting infected or spreading the infection.
- If you work as a Healthcare worker, municipal worker or Frontline worker such as State and Central Police Department, Armed Forces, home guards or civil -defense; you will be in first list along with the people from the high risk population like people over 50 years old and those less than 50 years but with comorbid conditions
- Only registered beneficiaries will be vaccinated. All beneficiaries have to be registered online. There will be no on -spot registrations at the vaccination site. Only registered beneficiaries will be vaccinated . There will be no on -spot registrations at the vaccination site.
- The Government of India has decided to adhere to phased vaccination process and identified the priority groups for the first phase keeping in view the high risk population groups and vaccine availability in the initial phase.
- The priority groups are: 1. Health Care Workers 2. Frontline Workers 3. People over 50 years of age 4. People under 50 years of age with co-morbidities.

- As you know health care workers and frontline workers are at the greatest risk of getting infected and are the most vulnerable.

VACCINE HESITANCY

- Vaccination saves lives at every stage of life
- Immunization has been a great public health success story
- Vaccines provide immunity and protect us, and our communities from contracting diseases.
- It is critical for us to get the COVID -19 vaccine, when our turn comes, so that we can protect ourselves, our families, friends and communities from the infection.
- The vaccination process will be a phased one; we need to ensure adherence to CAB behaviours at all times by all members
- The COVID-19 vaccines have been developed after thorough scientific research and are introduced to the public after undergoing various trials and after they were declared safe for the public.
- It is true that the COVID-19 vaccine has been developed in a short time frame, but it has undergone the protocols of various levels of trials, following due scientific processes and after due diligence. All safety protocols have been followed and there have been no compromises in bringing the vaccine to the general public.
- Adequate safety and efficacy tests have been done on this vaccine, and the regulatory approval has been given after all required checks have been confirmed.
- While administering the vaccine, all safety protocols including CAB behaviours will be followed at the vaccination centers and vaccination sites
- All vaccinators have been adequately trained in vaccine safety protocols and the need to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviours.

COVID Appropriate Behaviour during and after vaccination

- While vaccines are now available for some people in the initial phase, it is critical that all of us continue to follow all the COVID Appropriate Behaviours, to ensure that we stay protected.
- While the vaccine will protect you and your families, it needs to be supported by following of the key preventive behaviours: use of masks, frequent handwashing with soaps and sanitisers, and maintaining physical distance of at least 6 feet (Do Gaj ki Doori).
- We must continue to watch for any COVID-19 symptoms and be prompt to isolate ourselves and get tested if we experience any symptoms.
- COVID Appropriate Behaviours need to be followed and continued diligently during and after the vaccination session as well.
- COVID Appropriate Behaviours are a must for all of us to follow, till the world can adequately address and fight the virus and put in place all the right tools to deal with it.