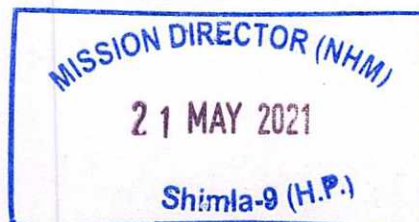


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National Health Mission  
Himachal Pradesh

To

All the Chief Medical Officers  
In Himachal Pradesh

Dated Shimla 9 the,



Subject: - Recommendations accepted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, regarding COVID-19 vaccination.

Sir/ Madam,

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. Please find enclosed letter No. D.O. No. 190407/2020/Imm dated 19.05.2021 recived from Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, MoHFW, Gol (Letter enclosed) stating that NEGVAC, has made the following recommendations keeping in mind the evolving situation of the pandemic, the emerging scientific evidence and experience from the across the globe, 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 at least the 1<sup>st</sup> dose and got COVID-19 infection before completion of the dosing schedule, the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

You are requested 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 through all forms of media as well as the local language. The requisite training of the Vaccination staff at all levels may also be organized.



Yours faithfully

*N. [Signature]*  
21/5/21  
Mission Director  
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- 1.The Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for information please.
- 2.The Director Health Services, Kasumpti Shmla-9 for information please
3. The Director Medical Education cum Chairman State AEFI Committee for information please
4. All the Deputy Commisioners, Himachal Pradesh for information please
- 5.All the District Immunization officers for information & necessary action please.
- 6.The Sr. Project Officer, UNDP, SIHFW Campus Parimahal, Shimla-9 for information & necessary action.
- 7.The State President Indian Medical Association, Himachal Pradesh for information please.
- 8.The State President Indian Dental Association, Himachal Pradesh for information please.

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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  
19<sup>th</sup> 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:

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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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