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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

All the Collectors & District Magistrate

The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Rourkela

All the CDM & PHOs

Sub:- SoPs on administration of second dose of Covishield vaccine prior to prescribed interval (after 28 days but before 84 days) to persons intending to undertake international travel for education purpose, for joining employment in foreign countries and for India's contingent to Tokyo Olympics – Reg.

Ref:- D.O. No: 2072903/2021/Imm dated, 7th June 2021 of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & FW and email dated, 07.06.2021 (11.11 PM)

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the letter cited above on the subject, I am to say that MoHFW have communicated the SoPs for administration of Second dose of Covishield vaccine prior to prescribed interval i.e. after 28 days but before 84 days to persons intending to undertake international travel for education purpose, for joining employment in foreign countries and for India's contingent to Tokyo Olympics to provide full coverage of vaccination and facilitating international travel for such genuine reasons.

This special dispensation will be available to –

1. Students who have to undertake foreign travel for the purpose of education
2. Persons who have to take up jobs in foreign countries
3. Athletes, sports persons and accompanying staff of Indian contingent attending International Olympics Games to be held in Tokyo

Further, MoHFW have clarified that the period of Covaxin has remained the same i.e. 4 to 6 weeks and hence there is no need for any special dispensation for 2nd dose of Covaxin. It has been also clarified by MoHFW that complete vaccination with Covaxin is also sufficient for foreign travel.

In this context, the MoHFW letter along with the SoPs is enclosed herewith for your reference. You are requested to designate one Senior Officer as Competent Authority for according permission for such administration of Second dose of Covishield.

Enclosure: As above.

Yours faithfully,


09/06/2021
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16956 /H

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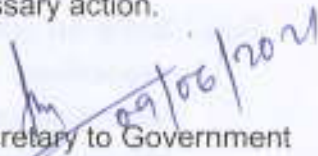
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Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O No /2072903/2021/IMMUNIZATION
7th June 2021

Dear Colleague,

The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has received several representations for allowing administration of second dose of Covishield for such persons who have only taken first dose of Covishield and are seeking to undertake international travel for educational purposes or employment opportunities or as part of India's contingent for Tokyo Olympic games, but whose planned travel dates fall prior to completion of the currently mandated minimum interval of 84 days from the date of first dose.

2. Therefore, with a view to provide full coverage of vaccination and facilitating international travel for such genuine reasons, the Ministry has issued the SOPs for the same. A copy of the SOPs is enclosed.

3. It is requested that the SOPs may be widely publicised and all necessary measures are taken immediately for implementation of the SOPs.

Harm Regards.

Yours sincerely

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Encl: as above

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health) – All States/UTs.

**SOPs on
Administration of Second Dose of Covishield Vaccine Prior to Prescribed Time Interval
(after 28 days but before 84 days) to persons intending to undertake international travel
for education purpose, for joining employment in foreign countries
and for India's contingent to Tokyo Olympics.**

1. Presently, based on the recommendations by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC), the schedule of Covishield vaccine under National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy is to administer the 2nd dose at 12-16 weeks interval (i.e. after 84 days), after administration of 1st dose.
2. The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has received several representations for allowing administration of second dose of Covishield for such persons who have only taken first dose of Covishield and are seeking to undertake international travel for educational purposes or employment opportunities or for part of India's contingent for Tokyo Olympic games, but whose planned travel dates fall prior to completion of the currently mandated minimum interval of 84 days from the date of first dose.
3. The matter has been discussed in Empowered Group 5 (EG-5) and appropriate recommendations have been received. In this context, with a view to provide full coverage of vaccination and facilitating international travel for such genuine reasons, following procedure shall be followed for administration of second dose of Covishield vaccine for such beneficiaries –
 - a. This special dispensation will be available to –
 - (i) Students who have to undertake foreign travel for the purposes of education.
 - (ii) Persons who have to take up jobs in foreign countries.
 - (iii) Athletes, Sportspersons and accompanying staff of Indian contingent attending International Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo.
 - b. States/UT governments shall designate a competent authority in each District for according permission for such administration of second dose of Covishield.
 - c. The competent authority shall check the following before according a permission for administration of second dose before the period of 84 days after the date of first dose –
 - (i) Whether a period of 28 days has elapsed after the date of first dose.
 - (ii) Genuineness of the purpose of travel based on documents related to –
 1. Admission offers or associated formal communications for the purpose of education.

2. Whether a person is already studying in a foreign educational institution and has to return to that institution for continuing his/her education.
 3. Interview calls for a job or offer letters for taking up employment
 4. Nomination to participate in the Tokyo Olympic games.
- d. It is advised that vaccination may be availed in such cases through Passport which is one of the permissible ID documents as per the current guidelines, so that the passport number is printed in the vaccination certificate. However, if Passport was not used at the time of administration of first dose, the details of the photo ID Card used for vaccination will be printed in the vaccination certificate and mention of the Passport in the vaccination certificate is not to be insisted upon. Wherever necessary, the competent authority may issue another certificate linking the vaccination certificate with the passport number of the beneficiary.
- e. This facility shall be available to those who need to undertake international travel for these specified purposes in the period up to 31st August, 2021.
- f. All technical protocols as prescribed in the Guidelines of the Ministry regarding COVID Vaccination Centres and AEFI management etc. shall have to be followed.
4. It is clarified that Covishield, produced by the Serum Institute of India and approved by the DCGI, is one of the vaccines recognised by the WHO for emergency use as on 3rd June 2021. The relevant entry is at S.No. 4 of the WHO EUL, available at <https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/sites/default/files/documents/Status%20of%20COVID-19%20Vaccines%20within%20WHO%20EUL-PQ%20evaluation%20process%20-%203%20June%202021.pdf>. Mention of vaccine type as "Covishield" is sufficient and no other qualifying entries are required in the vaccination certificates.
5. The Co-WIN system will soon provide the facility for administration of 2nd dose in such exceptional cases.

Email

Mr Vikas Sheel

Clarification on SOPs for special dispensation for 2nd dose of Covishield dated 07/06/21 - reg.**From :** Mr Vikas Sheel <sheelv@ias.nic.in>

Mon, Jun 07, 2021 11:11 PM

Subject : Clarification on SOPs for special dispensation for 2nd dose of Covishield dated 07/06/21 - reg.

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