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**GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION OF CHILDREN BETWEEN 15-18 YEARS
AND PRECAUTIONARY DOSE FOR HCWS, FLWS AND 60+ POPULATION WITH
COMORBIDITIES**

1. Refer copy of DGMS(Army) letter No 76910/UN Occur/Coronavirus/DGMS-5B dated 29 Dec 2021 (copy att).
2. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt of India has announced introduction of precautionary dose for eligible beneficiaries from 10 Jan 2022 and vaccination of children in the age group of 15-18 yrs from 03 Jan 2022. Instrs for implementation of the guidelines have been issued by DGMS vide letter under ref.
3. Detailed guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination in Indian Army were issued vide DGMS (Army) letter No 76910/UN Occur/Coronavirus/DGMS-5B dt 05 Jan 2021. Some of the salient points for implementation of the vaccination pgme are reiterated in succeeding Paragraphs.
4. Pro-active coordination will be carried out by Adm and Medical auth in consultation with the Central/State Health authorities for sharing info in the context of vaccine requirement, plg vaccination activities at hospital level and other lgs sp. SEMO/SMO of the stations / garrisons shall prepare relevant blueprint of operations in the context and get the same vetted by their respective Fmn Cdrs for ensuring lgs sp. The blueprint should take into consideration the fwg essential issues:-
 - (a) Str of HCWs and FLWs(District-Wise) who would be beneficiaries for the precautionary dose.
 - (b) Availability of cold chain eqpt and reqmt of addl eqpt.
 - (c) Iden of potential vaccinators.
 - (d) Plan for tpt of vaccines from District level to the Mil Hosp and Fd Hosp.
 - (e) Iden absolute number of beneficiaries month wise for each category as they become eligible for precautionary dose based on the date of the 2nd dose.

(f) Registration of Fd Hosps, Section Hosps and Polyclinics as COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs).

5. Community Med Specialist in stations, wherever available will be actively engaged for on ground implementation of the vaccination program, IEC activities for vaccine advocacy and providing regular feedback on program progress.

6. The Station Coordination Committee comprising of the Stn / Fmn Cdr, SEMO / SMO, reps from G Br, A Br, Q Br and Community Medicine Specialist will be responsible for planning, prioritizing, implementing and monitoring the following:-

(a) Collection of the vaccine and maintaining liaison with corresponding DIO (District Immunization Officer) or the relevant authorities for demand of vaccines and consumables.

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(c) Ensure that date wise list of personnel of various units eligible for vaccination in the Stn in prepared and shared with the OIC CVC. Vaccination sessions to be planned keeping in mind maximum daily capacity of vaccinations at each CVC.

(d) All activities related to smooth implementation of COVID-19 immunization of the beneficiaries.

(e) Reports and returns to DIO, Intermediary Fmn HQs and this Dte Gen.

7. All SEMOs/ SMOs will keep action plans ready by 08 Jan 2022, duly approved by the respective Fmn HQ. **Considering the fact that the vaccination of HCWs and FLWs commenced on 16 Jan 2021 and 05 Feb 2021 respectively, approximately 66000 HCWs and 734000 FLWs had received both the doses of COVID vaccine by 10 Apr 2021. The vaccination of adults over 60 yrs of age commenced in the country on 01 Mar 2021 and very few of these beneficiaries had received both the doses of vaccination by 10 Apr 2021.**

8. **In view of the above, a working plan incorporating the ratio in which these groups of beneficiaries would be vaccinated should be worked out and kept ready for immediate program implementation of precautionary dose once the vaccines are received. However, a suggested ratio of 2:4:1 (HCW:FLWs:Adults >60 yrs) may be considered at CVC level.**

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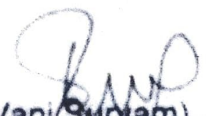
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