

FAQs ON COVID-19 VACCINE

FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS/
FRONTLINE WORKERS



Q. Why am I being chosen for COVID 19 vaccine?

- Govt has prioritised the most high-risk groups which will get the vaccine first. Healthcare providers have led the battle against COVID-19 from the front
- Healthcare & frontline workers are among the first groups to be vaccinated so that you can continue your work without the fear of risk associated with the virus

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Q. What are the groups to be vaccinated in the first phase?

- A.** ■ Based on the potential availability of vaccines Govt has selected the priority groups who will be vaccinated on priority
- The first group includes healthcare workers because they are at high risk of contracting the infection
 - The next group will include people with comorbid conditions & persons over 50 years of age which will further be divided into 2 subgroups:
 - Ⓐ 60 years & above will be vaccinated first
 - Ⓑ Between 50 to 60 years of age will be vaccinated after the first subgroup



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Q. Why were these priority groups chosen to be vaccinated first?

- A.**
- Vaccination of healthcare/frontline workers will help reduce societal & economic impact by reducing COVID-19 mortality
 - Vaccination of people over 50 years of age will cover 78% of persons having co-morbidities & reduce COVID-19 mortality
 - The vaccination may not be sequential. It can go in parallel for all beneficiaries depending on the availability of the vaccine

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Q. Will my family members also be given the vaccine?

- A.■** Due to the limited vaccine supply in the initial phase, it will first be provided to people who are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19
- In subsequent phases, the COVID-19 vaccine will be made available to others including your family members



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Q. Is this vaccine safe?

A.■ Yes. Safety and efficacy of the vaccine will be ensured through various phases of vaccine trials and only then a vaccine will be introduced



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Q. Does one need to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine?

A.■ Even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, we must continue taking all precautions viz.

- A** Use of face cover or masks
 - B** Hand sanitization
 - C** Maintain distancing (6 feet or Do Gaj)
- These behaviours must be followed both at the session site and in general



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Q. Are there any common side-effects of this vaccine?

A. COVID-19 vaccine is introduced only after its safety is proven

- As is true for all vaccines, the common side effects in some individuals could be mild fever, pain, etc. at the site of injection
- States have been asked to start making arrangements to deal with any COVID-19 vaccine-related side-effects