

# Covid Vaccine Locator/Finder

Helps in filtering out all the health care centres with availability of Covid-19 vaccines in India

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## Problem Statement

The website for vaccination (<https://www.cowin.gov.in>), which has been launched by the government of India on May 1st, 2021 comes with some pain points for the users (mostly all Indian nationals). Although the website has a good UI/UX, it is still cumbersome. Below are the bottlenecks:

- In big districts, there are lots of centres. There is no filtering mechanism to get only those centres which have vaccines.
- Even if you are able to find centres with vaccines, they are mostly available for people aged 45+ years. Again a lack of filtering mechanism, to get only those centres which have vaccines for a user's age.

## High Level Approach

Design an API that would take user information as input parameter and provide a list of centres (with some details about the centre) as output.

## Goals

1. *Create a POC first for a particular state*
2. *Upgrade the product to cover all the districts/states of India*

## Non-goals

1. *In the first phase, it focuses on API only and hence there is no scope for UI in this.*
2. *Phase 2 might have some UI and additional features*

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## Solution Alignment

### Key Features

Plan of record

1. *Create a minimal API for the state of Uttar Pradesh*
2. *Upgrade the API to work for all the districts/states of India*

Future considerations

1. *Group the centres by date*
2. *Add a basic UI*
3. *Enhance the UI and host the application*

### Key Logic

1. *Create a minimal API for the state of Uttar Pradesh with districts being hard-coded*
2. *Use the cowin public APIs to fetch the districts and remove the hardcoded values*
3. *Upgrade it for pan India districts*

4. Handle districts with complex/variety names, such as: JK or J&K or Jammu and Kashmir or Jammu & Kashmir. Similarly variations of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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## Launch Plan

### Key Milestones

TARGET DATE	MILESTONE	DESCRIPTION	EXIT CRITERIA
2021-05-03	✓ Pilot	POC ready	Works for the state of UP with hard-coded values
2021-05-04	✓ M1	MVP ready	Works for any district in India without hardcoded values
2021-05-08	✓ Beta	Thoroughly tested	Works on at least 2 more fresh systems
2021-05-09	✓ Launch	Accessible to all	Anyone with the setup is able to fetch details

### Operational Checklist

TEAM	PROMPT	Y/N	ACTION (if yes)
Analytics	Do you need additional tracking?	N	Work with [person] on logging
Sales	Do you need sales enablement materials?	N	Work with [person]

Marketing	Does this impact shared KPI?	N	Work with [person] on goal adjustment
Customer Success	Do you need to update support content or training?	N	Work with [person] on updates
Product Marketing	Do you need a GTM plan? (e.g. pricing, packaging, positioning,	N	Work with [person] with at least [x] weeks notice to kickoff workstreams
Partners	Will this impact any external partners?	N	Work with [person] on communication plan
Globalization	Are you launching in multiple countries?	N	Work with [person]
Risk	Does this expose a risk vector?	N	Work with [person]
Legal	Are there potential legal ramifications?	N	Work with [person]

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## Appendix

### Changelog

DATE	DESCRIPTION
Add count of vaccine slots available at a centre	Adding the number of total vaccine slots available at a centre will be more informative
Remove the date as input parameter	Not required. The code will take today's date automatically

### FAQs

**Q.** What does it do in simple terms?

**A.** It helps in filtering out all the health care centres with availability of Covid-19 vaccines in India. It resolves few of the issues present with official website

<https://www.cowin.gov.in>:

- It helps you filter out only those centres which have vaccine(s) available. So it saves you from finding a needle in a haystack.
- It also helps you filter out only those centres which have vaccine(s) available for your age. So, you do not go through a list of centres who have vaccines, but not for you.

**Q.** How to access/run it on a fresh system?

**A.** Below are the steps:

1. Install python and pip (preferred: python3) [follow: <https://realpython.com/installing-python/>]
2. Take a pull of the main branch of this github repository
3. Run: **cd ./covid-vaccine-locator-india** [for windows replace '/' with '\ ']

***# Install, create and activate the virtual environment***

4. Run: **pip install virtualenv**
5. Run: **virtualenv virtualenv**
6. Run: **source ./virtualenv/bin/activate** [for linux/mac] *OR*  
Run: **.\virtualenv\Scripts\activate** [for windows]

***# Install all the required python modules***

7. Run: **cd ./covid\_vaccine\_locator** [for windows replace '/' with '\ ']
8. Run: **pip install ./requirements.txt** [for windows replace '/' with '\ ']

***# Start the Django development server***

9. Run: **python manage.py runserver**
10. Install Postman (industry standard app to test APIs)
11. In Postman, make a GET request on URL: **http://127.0.0.1:8000/vaccine\_finder/** . In the request body pass the following:

**age:50 # Age of the person to be vaccinated**  
**state\_name:uttar pradesh # Name of a state in India**  
**district\_name:lucknow # Name of a district of that state**

**Note:** All the values are passed as string