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## VACCINATION GUIDELINES



#### Can a person affected with COVID-19 (confirmed or suspected) be vaccinated?

Person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection may increase the risk of spreading the same to others at vaccination site. For this reason, infected individuals should defer vaccination for 14 days after symptoms resolution.



## Is it necessary for a COVID-19 recovered person to get vaccinated? And if I had COVID-19 infection and was treated, why should I receive the vaccine?

Yes, it is advisable to receive complete schedule of COVID-19 vaccine irrespective of past history of infection with COVID-19. This will help in developing a strong immune response against the disease. Development of immunity or duration of protection after COVID-19 exposure is not established therefore it is recommended to receive vaccine even after COVID-19 infection. Wait for 4-8 weeks after recovery from COVID symptoms before getting the vaccine.



### Do I need to use the mask/other COVID-19 appropriate precautions after receiving the vaccine?

Yes, it is absolutely necessary that everyone who has received the COVID-19 vaccine should continue to follow the COVID-19 appropriate behaviour i.e., mask, social distance and hand sanitization to protect themselves and those around from spreading the infection.



#### In how many days will the vaccination create an adequate immune response and protection?

Adequate immune response takes 2-3 weeks after completion of entire vaccination schedule i.e., after the second dose of COVISH-IELD® and COVAXIN®.

#### Is it important for me to receive the same vaccine during second dose?

As the vaccines available are not interchangeable, it is important to receive the second dose of same vaccine as the first one. The Co-WIN portal is also going to help to ensure that everyone receives the same vaccine.



If one is taking medicines for conditions like Cancer, Diabetes, Hypertension

or

is suffering from HTN/DM/CKD/heart disease/lipid disorders etc., CAN HE/SHE SAFELY RECEIVE THE VACCINE?

Yes, individuals with one or more of these comorbid conditions are categorized into the high risk category. They need to get COVID-19 vaccination. The maximum benefit of receiving COVID-19 vaccination is for those who have such co-morbidities. However, if you are concerned about any specific reason, please consult your doctor.



#### Does the vaccine cause contraindications in a person with chronic diseases?

Chronic diseases and morbidities like the cardiac, neurological, pulmonary, metabolic, renal and malignancies etc. are not vulnerable to contraindications. In fact, the benefits of COVID-19 vaccines in reducing the risk of severe infection and death is for those who are suffering from these comorbidities.

#### What medications should be avoided before taking COVID-19 vaccine and for how long?

Currently, there are no such instructions been given. One can continue his/her regular medication unless the doctor says otherwise. Kindly inform the vaccinator about the medicines you consume on a regular basis



#### Pregnancy & Lactation:

Pregnant & Lactating women have not been part of any COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial so far. Therefore, women who are pregnant or not sure of their pregnancy, and lactating women should not receive any COVID-19 vaccine at this time.



## LET'S GET VACCINATED AND ELIMININATE THE FEAR OF THIS DEVASTATING VIRUS FROM THIS WORLD

