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(Tarun Kumar Singh)  
Dy Dir, CAO/Coord

Encl: As stated above  
All Dy CAOs/Dir DHTI  
Chief Security Officer

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MoD JS & CAO ID No. A/16506/Covid 19/CAO/Coord dated 18 May 2021

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RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS  
SECRETARY

D.O No. 1940407/2020/Imm  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

*Dear Colleague,*

COVID-19 vaccination drive in India has completed 117 days during which we have been able to vaccinate 17.7 crore beneficiaries of which 3.9 crore beneficiaries have completed the two doses schedule of vaccination as per the recommended interval of 4 weeks for Covaxin and 6-8 weeks for Covishield. This has been possible due to the proactive involvement of all States and UTs.

2. In view of the emerging scientific evidences, the interval between two doses of a specified COVID-19 vaccine i.e. COVISHIELD, has been revisited by Covid Working Group of The National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) and subsequently by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) in its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021. NEGVAC has recommended revision in schedule of Covishield to administer the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose at 12-16 weeks interval after 1<sup>st</sup> dose instead of earlier interval of 6-8 weeks.

3. MoHFW, Government of India has since accepted the recommendation of NTAGI and NEGVAC. Therefore, the States and UTs are advised to ensure 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Covishield to beneficiaries within this stipulated time interval of 12-16 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose.

4. I request you to kindly instruct the concerned officials to undertake necessary steps to widely disseminate the message of revised dosing interval amongst programme managers, vaccinators and recipients of COVISHIELD vaccine and ensure adherence of revised dosing interval. Requisite changes are being carried out in the Co-WIN platform and would be separately communicated to the States/UTs. **You are also requested to note that this decision of revised time interval between two doses is applicable only to Covishield and not to Covaxin vaccine.**

*Warm Regards,*

Yours sincerely

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Chief Secretary, All States & UTs,

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D.O. No. 1940407/2020/Imm.  
Dated, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Colleague,

Please refer to the D.O. No. 1940407/2020/Imm., dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021, vide which the recommendations of the NEGVAC and their acceptance, regarding the minimum stipulated period of 12 to 16 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVISHIELD vaccine was communicated.

Please take note that the requisite changes have now been done in the CoWIN portal. As a result –

1. Further online or on-site appointments will not be possible if the period after 1<sup>st</sup> dose date for a beneficiary is less than 84 days.
2. **Already booked online appointments for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose will remain valid** and are not being cancelled by COWIN. Beneficiaries may be advised through suitable IEC that they should reschedule their appointments for a later date beyond the 84<sup>th</sup> day from the date of 1<sup>st</sup> dose vaccination.
3. If however, a pre-booked beneficiary chooses to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine even if the period for him/her is less than 84 days, COWIN system will allow vaccination of such beneficiaries.

In light of the above, it is reiterated that the online appointments booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVISHIELD prior to this change, must be honoured. The field staff may be instructed that, if such beneficiaries do come for vaccination, **the second dose must be administered and they must not be turned away**. Suitable IEC may also be done in this regard.

Warm regards

Yours sincerely

  
(Vikas Sheel) 16/5/21

To,

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Health-All States/UTs

DO No. 1940467/2020/Imm

Dated, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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