

## **JS (Health Ministry)**

- There is a continuous decrease in cases since India reported a peak on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Almost 79% decline in cases since the highest reported peak in daily new cases.
- There is a consistent decline in average daily new cases since week of 5-11 May. A decline of 33% in average daily new cases since last week.
- There is a consistent decline in active cases (13.03 lakh active cases). Decline by about 65% - decrease in Active Cases by more than 24.4 lakhs since peak on 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- There is a consistent increase in recovery rate since 3<sup>rd</sup> May. It currently stands at 94.3%.
- There is a consistent increase in Average Weekly Tests.
- There is a continued and sharp decline in weekly positivity . 70% decrease in last 5 weeks.
- Total doses vaccinated . 23.62 crore (Health care workers- 1.69 crore, Front line workers - 2.50 crore, People Aged above and equal to 45 years . 16.37 crore and People Aged 18-44 years - 3.06 crore).
- In our ongoing battle against COVID-19, Principles of COVID-19 management remains the same i.e. Physical Distancing, Use of Mask, Hand Hygiene, Clinical Management and Vaccination.

## **DIRECTOR AIIMS**

- The situation in India is stabilizing, cases are declining and unlocking has started.
- When enough people are vaccinated and people will have natural immunity against virus in their bodies, then waves will stop, however, till then Covid appropriate behavior is the only way to stop next waves.
- If we see Indian data of first wave and second wave or global data, we have not seen any data with old virus or new variant in which children have a serious infection. If we see second wave data, 60%-70% children who admitted in hospitals, they were those with co-morbidity, their immunity was low. Healthy children have only mild illness and they recovered without hospitalization. Till now, we have no evidence that next wave will effect children more. In many parts of the world still there are new cases with new waves and we have not found any data of children having a serious infection.

- If we want to stop next waves, then we should follow Covid appropriate behavior. Chain of transmission needs to be broken by people.

### **Member, Health Niti Aayog**

- Honorable Chief Ministers of 11 states have requested in last one month for centralized procurement of vaccines by the Union.

### **Enhancing Vaccine Coverage**

- Based on the request from States and public feedback, reviews taken on 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021, Honorable PM directed Ministry of Health to undertake required policy initiatives in terms of additional support to States for augmenting the vaccination program.
- Honorable PM addressed the nation on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and made policy announcements related to vaccination.
- The revised Guideline for Implementation of National COVID Vaccination Program have been issued by Ministry of Health.

### **Revised Guidelines for Implementation of National COVID Vaccination Program**

- Government of India will procure 75% of the vaccines being produced by the manufacturers in the country which will be provided free of cost to States for administration free of cost as per priority through Government Vaccination Centers.
- Allocation of vaccines to States/UTs will be based on criteria such as population, disease burden, progress of vaccination and vaccine wastage.
- States/UTs may decide their own prioritization within population aged above and equal to 18 years, factoring in the vaccine supply schedule.
- Union Government will provide advance information of vaccine supplies to States/UTs.
- Similar information should be provided by States/UTs to Districts and Vaccination Centers for efficient planning.
- Domestic vaccine manufacturers can provide up to 25% of their monthly production of vaccines directly to private hospitals.

- States/UTs would aggregate the demand of private hospitals keeping in view equitable distribution between large and small private hospitals and regional balance.
- Price of vaccine doses for private hospital to be declared by vaccine manufacturer in advance.
- Private hospitals may charge up to a maximum of Rupees 150 per dose as service charges.
- All citizens irrespective of their income status are entitled to free vaccination.
- Those who have the ability to pay are encouraged to use private hospitals' vaccination centers.
- Promoting the spirit of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', people can financially support vaccination of economically weaker sections at Private Vaccination Centers through use of non-transferable Economic Vouchers which can be redeemed at Private Vaccination Centers.
- Vaccination appointments can be pre - booked on CoWIN platform. Option of On-site registration will also be available at all Government and Private Vaccination Centers.
- States may also optimally utilize the Common Service Centres and Call Centers to facilitate prior booking by citizens.

### **Augmenting Vaccine Supplies**

- Immediately following Hon'ble PM announcement, Ministry of Health has placed orders for 25 crore doses of Covishield to Serum Institute and 19 crore doses for Covaxin to Bharat Biotech Limited on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- These are in addition to the vaccine orders already placed with both the manufacturers. 30% advance amount for the same is being released to these manufacturers.
- These orders are in addition to the recent order for 30 crore doses placed on Biological E Limited.
- Union Government is focusing on strengthening research and development, capacity, enabling manufacturing and ensuring adequate availability of vaccines as a priority.

- We have seen decline in cases because we have followed Covid appropriate behavior. We should avoid large gatherings, crowding. In future also, we should follow Covid appropriate behavior.

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