

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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Dated 19 May 2021

ORDER

Vide Note No 511-CS/2021 dated 15.05.2021 of Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal [copy enclosed] in respect of COVID vaccination in the State, it has been stated that:-

As per availability of vaccines, which is insufficient, the scarce vaccines available at the disposal of the Government of West Bengal may be divided into two streams, namely

- i) General - For people at large: to be taken care of by the Health Department hospitals/CMOHS.*
- ii) Groups which are super-spreaders/public-facing/forcibly exposed to public mingling: groups which are endangered as well as potential spreaders to be handled by sectoral departments in conjunction with DMs.*

The groups of persons who would be in the second category will include the following:

- a. Residuary segments (those who have not received COVID-19 vaccine earlier) of Government and para-Government employees including judicial staff who have not been vaccinated earlier.
- b. Dealers of essential services/ goods and their operating staff that is ration dealer, kerosene dealer and LPG dealers and petrol pump staff.
- c. Transport workers including taxi/Auto and toto drivers and rickshaw pullers
- d. Journalists




- e. Lawyers and muharrirs, law clerks
- f. Sex workers and transgenders
- g. Hawkers including newspaper vendors
- h. Retail sellers of vegetables/ grocery items/ fish etc. in bazaars
- i. Covid volunteers
- j. Inmates of social welfare homes and correctional homes

Now in pursuit of the above note and considering the evolving vaccine availability situation in the State and in view of the latest GoI guideline concerning expansion of intervals between two doses of Covishield , all Districts and KMC are hereby advised that-

Each and every Covid Vaccination Centre (CVC) within the jurisdiction of District/KMC shall henceforth, follow a systematic immunization drive. Local administration may like to work out innovative ways of scheduling the vaccination drives. Dividing days of the week between different age groups as well as separately scheduling/prioritizing first/second dose can be considered.

And all Districts and KMC are requested to chalk out an immediate plan to identify vaccinees belonging to the stipulated categories and start their vaccination at once. Detailed guidelines meant for guiding the Districts/KMC/Departments is being sent separately.

This approach shall be followed on all vaccination days until further intimation from this end.


Secretary, 19/11/2021

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