

## **Precautions and Contraindications for COVID-19 Vaccination**

1. **Authorized Age Group:** Under the EUA, COVID-19 vaccination is indicated only for 18 years and above.
2. **Co-administration of vaccines:** If required, COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines should be separated by an interval of at least 14 days
3. **Interchangeability of COVID-19 Vaccines** is not permitted: Second dose should also be of the same COVID-19 vaccine which was administered as the first dose.

### **Contraindication**

1. Persons with history of:
  - Anaphylactic or allergic reaction to a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine
  - Immediate or delayed-onset anaphylaxis or allergic reaction to vaccines or injectable therapies, pharmaceutical products, food-items etc.
2. 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 COVID-19 vaccine at this time

### **Provisional / temporary contraindications: In these conditions, COVID vaccination is to be deferred for 4-8 weeks after recovery**

1. Persons having active symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection.
2. SARS-COV-2 patients who have been given anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma
3. Acutely unwell and hospitalized (with or without intensive care) patients due to any illness

### **Special precautions:**

Vaccine should be administered with caution in persons with history of any bleeding or coagulation disorder (e.g., clotting factor deficiency, coagulopathy or platelet disorder).

### **Following conditions are not contraindicated for COVID vaccines**

- Persons with a past history of SARS-CoV-2 infection (sero-positivity) and or RT-PCR positive illness
- History of chronic diseases and morbidities (cardiac, neurological, pulmonary, metabolic, renal, malignancies)
- Immuno-deficiency, HIV, patients on immune-suppression due to any condition (the response to the COVID 19 vaccines may be less in these individuals)

### **Other Important Issues to consider**

- Vaccine specific contraindications may apply as the new information becomes available