



# FAQS

## ON COVID-19 VACCINE



**Can a person get the COVID-19 vaccine without registration?**



No, registration is mandatory for COVID-19 vaccination. Only after registration, the information on the session site & time will be shared



**If a person is unable to produce Photo ID at the session site, will s/he be vaccinated?**



Photo ID is a must for both registration & verification at session site to ensure that the intended person is vaccinated



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**What documents are required for registration of eligible beneficiary?**



Any of the below-mentioned ID with Photo may be produced at the time of registration:

- Aadhaar/Driving License/Voter ID/PAN Card/Passport/ Job Card/Pension Document
- Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of
- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
- Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs
- Passbooks issued by Bank/Post Office
- Service ID Card issued by Central/State Govt./Public Limited Companies



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**Q.** Out of the multiple vaccines available, how is one or more vaccine chosen for administration?



**A.** The safety & efficacy data from clinical trials of vaccine candidates are examined by the Drug Regulator before granting of the license. Hence, all the licensed COVID-19 vaccines will have comparable safety & efficacy

However, it must be ensured that the entire schedule of vaccination is completed by only one type of vaccine as different COVID-19 vaccines are not interchangeable



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**Is it necessary for a COVID recovered person to take the vaccine?**



It is advisable to receive a complete schedule of the vaccine irrespective of the past history of infection as it will help in developing a strong immune response



**Can a person having COVID-19 (confirmed/suspected) infection be vaccinated?**



Infected individuals should defer vaccination for 14 days after symptoms resolution as they may increase the risk of spreading the virus to others at the vaccination site



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**How will I know if I am eligible for vaccination?**



Eligible beneficiaries will be informed through their registered mobile number regarding the Health Facility for vaccination & its scheduled time



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**Will the vaccine be safe as it is being introduced in a short span of time?**



Vaccines have been introduced in the country after the regulatory bodies cleared it based on its safety and efficacy



**Is it mandatory to take the vaccine?**



Vaccination for COVID-19 is voluntary

However, it is advisable to receive the complete schedule of COVID-19 vaccine for protecting oneself & limiting the spread of the disease



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**Does India have the capacity to store COVID vaccine at +2 to +8°C & transport them at required temperature?**



India runs one of the largest immunization programmes in the world, catering to the vaccination needs of over 26 million newborns & 29 million pregnant women

The programme mechanisms are being strengthened to effectively cater to the country's large & diverse population



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**What about the possible side-effects from COVID-19 vaccine?**



Covid vaccine is safe and is introduced only after regulatory clearances from appropriate authority

- As is true for other vaccines, the common side effects in some individuals could be mild fever, pain, etc. at the site of injection
- States have been asked to start making arrangements to deal with any COVID-19 vaccine-related side-effects





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**How many doses of the vaccine would have to be taken & at what interval?**



Two doses of vaccine, 28 days apart, need to be taken by an individual to complete the vaccination schedule



**When would antibodies develop after taking the dose?**



Protective levels of antibodies are generally developed two weeks after receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine



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**How will the beneficiary receive information about the due date of vaccination?**



Following online registration, the beneficiary will receive SMS on their mobile number about the due date, place & time of vaccination



**Will beneficiaries receive information on their vaccination status after completion?**



Yes. On getting due doses of COVID-19 vaccine, the beneficiary will receive SMS on their mobile number. After all doses of vaccine are administered, a QR code-based certificate will also be sent on their number