



**COVID-19 (nCorona) Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell**  
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**ADVISORY ON COVID PREVENTION MEASURES AT COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTRES**

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COVID-19 vaccines are the first specific protective measure in the multipronged approach in the prevention and control of the pandemic. However, it does not eliminate the need for the COVID appropriate behaviours of wearing of masks, frequent hand sanitization and physical distancing etc.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Govt of India guidelines – COVID 19 Vaccination operational guidelines to be strictly followed.

The following specific measures related to precautions in and around the vaccination site are to be followed:

1. The COVID Protocol (COVID appropriate behaviour) i.e. Social distancing, wearing mask and sanitization should be observed by all the beneficiaries, care giver, staff and all visitors and personnel in the institution and vaccination centres.
2. There should not be overcrowding at the vaccination sites. There should not be any inconvenience to the beneficiaries or staff.
3. Outside the Vaccination Booth all the activities are to be done as per the COVID protocol and instructions already in force regarding meetings, congregation etc.
4. In the Vaccination booth only designated Vaccination officers, health staff and the beneficiaries are allowed.
5. The following instructions may be followed up –
  - a. Greet without physical contact. Appropriate IEC materials are to be displayed at the vaccination sites.

- b. Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet between persons. Adequate marking on the floor and seats in the waiting area are to be made. There should not be overcrowding.
- c. Adequate hand washing/sanitizing facility should be provided at the facility entrance.
- d. All personnel should wear masks appropriately, covering the nose and mouth. Masks should not be touched frequently. Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth.
- e. Health education regarding prevention measures are to be imparted by the staff.
- f. All beneficiaries, care givers, staff and personnel should practice respiratory hygiene.
- g. Smoking, tobacco chewing and spitting in the premises and public places are prohibited.
- h. The staff should ensure that the high touch surfaces and floors are cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- i. There should be adequate natural cross ventilation by opening windows and doors. Mechanical ventilation may be supplemented.
- j. Beneficiaries, care givers, visitors and other personnel should follow the instructions of the staff at the vaccination centre.
- k. Beneficiaries and care giver's waiting time should not exceed unnecessarily and appropriate crowd management should be planned.
- l. Symptomatic persons should be identified at entry screening and should seek health care.



**Principal Secretary**