

Press note: Roll out of COVID-19 vaccination for Children of Age group 15 – 18 years from 3.01.2022

- As per the Government of India guidelines, State has started COVID-19 Vaccination from January 16, 2021 in a phased manner.
- Vaccination for Children in the age group of 15-18 years will be rolled in the State from 03.01.2022.
- Children born in and before 2007 will be eligible for vaccination.
- Vaccination will be done using “**COVAXIN vaccine**”.
- 2nd dose will be administered after 28days.
- **Honorable Chief Minister, Karnataka will inaugurate this function on 03.01.2022, 9:30AM at BBMP Higher Primary and Pre-University College, Bairaveshwara Nagara, Moodalapalya, Ward No. 127, Bengaluru.**

Following actions have been taken in the State and districts for the successful implementation of Children Vaccination:

- All districts have planned for district launch by district in-charge Ministers and taluk launch by MLAs.
- DCs have conducted preliminary meeting with both Health and Education department for co-ordination and implementation.
- State has target of 31.75 lakh beneficiaries of 15-18 age group.
- On day one we plan to vaccinate 6 lakh odd children in 4000+ sessions.
- With existing stock of 16 lakh doses of COVAXIN all districts have geared up with micro plan, logistics, staff etc
- Schools and colleges will be the vaccination centres and they will provide support staff and space for vaccination.

- Children who miss their vaccination on session days at schools or colleges will be directed to nearby health centres for vaccination.
- Vaccination for the children with any co-morbidities will be carried out in the health facility under the supervision of Medical Officer.
- All the children can download their vaccination certificate from CoWIN portal.
- The schools which are conducting online classes can fix a day for vaccination and children has to be called on that particular day to avail vaccine dose.
- Moving ahead school dropouts will be mobilized to govt hospitals with the support of labour department, RDPR and Urban Development department.
- GOI will dispatch required COVAXIN doses to the state in a day or two.
- IAP, private paediatricians are requested to support this vaccination drive for children and support in allaying anxiety, apprehension.
- Monitoring and supervision by district and taluk level officers of both the departments to ensure quality implementation.
- Districts have been instructed to create awareness on covid vaccination for children and address hesitancy or other issues which may be prevalent among parents.
- IEC through print media, social media, video messages and radio jingles have been done.
- Vaccination will be conducted free of cost at all Government COVID-19 Vaccination centres.