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*Dear Colleague,*

Please refer to the D.O. No. 1940407/2020/Imm., dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021, vide which the recommendations of the NEGVAC and their acceptance, regarding the minimum stipulated period of 12 to 16 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVISHIELD vaccine was communicated.

Please take note that the requisite changes have now been done in the CoWIN portal. As a result –

1. Further online or on-site appointments will not be possible if the period after 1<sup>st</sup> dose date for a beneficiary is less than 84 days.
2. **Already booked online appointments for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose will remain valid** and are not being cancelled by COWIN. Beneficiaries may be advised through suitable IEC that they should reschedule their appointments for a later date beyond the 84<sup>th</sup> day from the date of 1<sup>st</sup> dose vaccination.
3. If however, a pre-booked beneficiary chooses to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine even if the period for him/her is less than 84 days, COWIN system will allow vaccination of such beneficiaries.

In light of the above, it is reiterated that the online appointments booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVISHIELD prior to this change, must be honoured. The field staff may be instructed that, if such beneficiaries do come for vaccination, **the second dose must be administered and they must not be turned away**. Suitable IEC may also be done in this regard.

*warm regards*

Yours sincerely

  
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To,

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Health–All States/UTs