DGS Circular No. 20 of 2021

Sub.: Addendum-III to DGS Circular No. 9 of 2021- Coronavirus (COVID-19) - arrangement for vaccination of second dose of Covishield after 28 days to the seafarers-reg.

1. The Directorate General of Shipping has issued Circular No. 9 of 2021, Circular No. 10 of 2021 and Circular No. 15 of 2021 on vaccination of Seafarers at Indian ports and other vaccination centers approved by the Government.

2. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India issued a clarification dated 07.06.2021 providing the SOPs on Administration of Second Dose of Covishield Vaccine Prior to Prescribed Time Interval (after 28 days but before 84 days) to persons intending to undertake international travel for education purpose, for joining employment in foreign countries and for India’s contingent to Tokyo Olympics. The SoP is attached herewith for the ready reference at Annexure-I.

3. Accordingly, the seafarers who have to board a vessel are also eligible for second dose of Covishield vaccine prior to prescribed time interval. Requests have been received to create an online system to certify that seafarers are eligible to avail the benefit of reduced time interval for administration of second dose of Covishield vaccine, prior to their boarding a vessel. Accordingly, a new utility of DGS website has been created wherein the first dose of the Covishield vaccination, probable date of travel, place of boarding are captured and recommendation to show that the second dose of Covishield vaccine after 28 days is granted online.

4. Shipping Company/ RPS Agency are requested to mention the details of first dose of Covishield vaccination, probable date of travel, and place of boarding in the places provided in the online application of the DG Shipping. The Shipping Company/ RPS Agency shall verify the
date of administration of first dose while submitting the request online. The details to be submitted on the online application are mentioned in the Annexure-II.

5. After downloading the “Sign On Certificate for vaccination request” for second dose, the Seafarers have to follow the SoPs prescribed by MoFHW.

6. Further, the details accommodating few changes in the Nodal Officers as mentioned in the annexure to the Circular No. 15 of 2021 is attached with this circular at Annexure-III.

7. This issues with approval of Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India and Chairpersons of respective Port Trust.

Encl:

1. **Annexure-I** – The SOPs on Administration of Second Dose of Covishield Vaccine Prior to Prescribed Time Interval (after 28 days but before 84 days) to persons intending to undertake international travel for education purpose, for joining employment in foreign countries and for India’s contingent to Tokyo Olympics.

2. **Annexure-II** – The Modification in the application form and ‘Sign On Certificate for vaccination request’ for the second dose of vaccination.

Annexure-I

SOPs on Administration of Second Dose of Covishield Vaccine Prior to Prescribed Time Interval (after 28 days but before 84 days) to persons intending to undertake international travel for education purpose, for joining employment in foreign countries and for India’s contingent to Tokyo Olympics.

1. Presently, based on the recommendations by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NÉGVAC), the schedule of Covishield vaccine under National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy is to administer the 2nd dose at 12-16 weeks interval (i.e. after 84 days), after administration of 1st dose.

2. The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has received several representations for allowing administration of second dose of Covishield for such persons who have only taken first dose of Covishield and are seeking to undertake international travel for educational purposes or employment opportunities or for part of India’s contingent for Tokyo Olympic games, but whose planned travel dates fall prior to completion of the currently mandated minimum interval of 84 days from the date of first dose.

3. The matter has been discussed in Empowered Group 5 (EG-5) and appropriate recommendations have been received. In this context, with a view to provide full coverage of vaccination and facilitating international travel for such genuine reasons, following procedure shall be followed for administration of second dose of Covishield vaccine for such beneficiaries –

   a. This special dispensation will be available to –
      (i) Students who have to undertake foreign travel for the purposes of education.
      (ii) Persons who have to take up jobs in foreign countries.
      (iii) Athletes, Sportspersons and accompanying staff of Indian contingent attending International Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo.

   b. States/UT governments shall designate a competent authority in each District for according permission for such administration of second dose of Covishield.

   c. The competent authority shall check the following before according a permission for administration of second dose before the period of 84 days after the date of first dose –
      (i) Whether a period of 28 days has elapsed after the date of first dose.
      (ii) Genuineness of the purpose of travel based on documents related to –
1. Admission offers or associated formal communications for the purpose of education.
2. Whether a person is already studying in a foreign educational institution and has to return to that institution for continuing his/her education.
3. Interview calls for a job or offer letters for taking up employment

d. It is advised that vaccination may be availed in such cases through Passport which is one of the permissible ID documents as per the current guidelines, so that the passport number is printed in the vaccination certificate. However, if Passport was not used at the time of administration of first dose, the details of the photo ID Card used for vaccination will be printed in the vaccination certificate and mention of the Passport in the vaccination certificate is not to be insisted upon. Wherever necessary, the competent authority may issue another certificate linking the vaccination certificate with the passport number of the beneficiary.

e. This facility shall be available to those who need to undertake international travel for these specified purposes in the period up to 31st August, 2021.

f. All technical protocols as prescribed in the Guidelines of the Ministry regarding COVID Vaccination Centres and AEFI management etc. shall have to be followed.

4. It is clarified that Covishield, produced by the Serum Institute of India and approved by the DCGI, is one of the vaccines recognised by the WHO for emergency use as on 3rd June 2021. The relevant entry is at S.No.4 of the WHO EUL, available at https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/sites/default/files/documents/Status%20of%20COVID-19%20Vaccines%20within%20WHO%20EUL-PQ%20evaluation%20process%20-%2003%20June%202021.pdf. Mention of vaccine type as “Covishield” is sufficient and no other qualifying entries are required in the vaccination certificates.

5. The Co-WIN system will soon provide the facility for administration of 2nd dose in such exceptional cases.

6. This is to clarify that these SoPs have been issued specifically only for Covishield because only the time interval between the 2 doses of Covishield has been increased from 6-8 weeks to 12-16 weeks. The period for COVAXIN has remained the same i.e. 4-6 weeks and hence there was no need for any special dispensation for 2nd dose of COVAXIN. It is also clarified that complete vaccination with COVAXIN is also sufficient for foreign travel.
Modifications in the Vaccination Module

1. Login to eGovernance portal of DGS and click on “Sign on certification for vaccination dedicated hospitals”

2. Click on “Submit Application”
3. Enter the INDoS & Click on “Continue”

4. The application will now ask for “Vaccination Request for “ First Dose or Second Dose. If the user selects first dose no changes in the application.
5. Click to ‘OK’ to submit the request for First Dose. An application number will be generated.

6. However if the user selects for second dose the application will prompt for additional fields as shown in the screen below;
7. Fill in the details and click on ‘OK’ to submit the request. An application number will be generated.

8. Sample vaccination certificate after approval of application
## Annexure-III

### A. Details of Covid Vaccination Centers for seafarers at Ports

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<th>S. No.</th>
<th>Name of Ports</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust</td>
<td>VOC Port Trust Hospital, Harbour Estate, Tuticorin</td>
<td>Dr. K. Baby Rani, Senior Medical Officer</td>
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<td>Chennai Port Trust</td>
<td>Chennai Port Trust Hospital, Spring Heaven Road, Chennai-600-001</td>
<td>Dr. N. Padma, Chief Medical Officer</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Syama Prasad Mookjee Port, Kolkata</td>
<td>Centenary Hospital, 1, Diamond Harbor Road, New Alipore, Kolkata 700053</td>
<td>Dr. Nabarun Bhowmick, Dy. CMO</td>
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<td>Deendayal Port Trust</td>
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<td>Dr. Anil J. Chellani, Sr. Dy. Chief Medical Officer</td>
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<td>Paradip Port Trust</td>
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<td>Dr. Shelly Priya, Sr. MO</td>
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<td>Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust</td>
<td>Jawaharlal Nehru Port Hospital ,Sector 2 , JNPT Township, Uran ,Navi Mumbai -400707</td>
<td>Dr. Sanjay Rathore (Dy. CMO)</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Visakhapatnam Port Trust</td>
<td>Visakhapatnam Port Trust Hospital, AT/PO- Salagramapuram, Dist-Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh – 530 024</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Mormugao Port Trust</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>New Manglore Port Trust and DGS</td>
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<td>Dr. G.B.Raghavendra Swamy, Senior Medical officer</td>
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### B. Details of Private Covid Vaccination Centre for seafarers

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<td>1.</td>
<td>DLABS DIAGNOSTICS CENTRE</td>
<td>Teepeyem Plus Building, Ground Floor Kalathiparambu Road, Ernakulam - 682016</td>
<td>Dr. Ushas Kumar G, Director, DLABS DIAGNOSTICS CENTRE</td>
<td>9895209326</td>
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