

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs Getting Vaccinated

1. Who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine?

All citizens aged 18 years and above are eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in India.

Source: <https://www.cowin.gov.in/faq>

2. Who should defer getting the COVID-19 vaccine?

A. Persons with history of:

- Anaphylactic or allergic reaction to a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- Immediate or delayed-onset anaphylaxis or allergic reaction to vaccines or injectable therapies, pharmaceutical products, food-items etc.

B. Pregnant women: Regarding COVID-19 Vaccination of pregnant women, the matter is under discussion in India. Pregnant women have not been part of any COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial so far. Therefore, women who are pregnant or not sure of their pregnancy; should not receive COVID-19 vaccine at this time

C. Provisional / temporary contraindications: In these conditions, COVID-19 vaccination is to be deferred after recovery

- Individuals having lab test proven SARS-2 COVID-19 infection: COVID-19 vaccine to be deferred by 3 months after recovery.
- SARS-2 COVID-19 patients who have been given anti-SARS-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma: COVID-19 vaccine to be deferred by 3 months from the date of discharge from the hospital.
- Individuals who have received at least the 1st dose and got COVID-19 infection before completion of the dosing schedule: the 2nd dose should defer the COVID-19 vaccine by 3 months after clinical recovery from COVID-19 illness.
- Persons with any other serious general illness requiring hospitalization or ICU care should also wait for 4-8 weeks before

getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

D. Other health Conditions:

- Individuals with bleeding disorders like 'haemophilia' should take the vaccine under the supervision of their treating physician.
- Individuals with heart and brain disorders are on blood thinners like aspirin and antiplatelet drugs can continue with their medicines and have the vaccines. They should also consult their physician. For them, vaccines are absolutely safe
- One should inform the vaccinator about the medicines they consume and if they are suffering from any known immune issues. The vaccinator should have a record of one's medical condition.

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

https://www.mohfw.gov.in/covid_vaccination/vaccination/faqs.html

Source: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719925>

3. How can I get vaccinated for COVID-19?

Vaccination Centres provide for a limited number of on-spot registration slots every day. Citizens aged 45 years and above can schedule appointments online or walk-in to vaccination centres. However, Citizens aged 18-44 years should mandatorily register themselves and schedule appointments online before going to the vaccination centre for a hassle-free vaccination experience.

Source: COWIN app <https://www.cowin.gov.in/faq>

4. What all documents are needed to get vaccinated at the site?

You should carry your identity proof specified by you at the time of registration on the Co-WIN portal and a printout/screenshot of your appointment slip.

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5. Is it mandatory for all to take the COVID-19 vaccine?

Vaccination for COVID-19 is voluntary. However, it is advisable to receive the complete schedule of COVID-19 vaccine for protecting one-self against COVID-19 infection. The COVID-19 vaccine will also limit the spread of the infection to close contacts including family members, friends, relatives and co-workers.

Source:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/FAQsonCOVID19VaccineDecember2020.pdf>

6. Will I get penalized if I don't take COVID-19 vaccine?

No, you will not get penalized if you don't take COVID-19 vaccine. However, it is advisable to receive the complete schedule of COVID-19 vaccine for protecting one-self against this disease and also to limit the spread of this disease to close contacts including family members, friends, relatives and co-workers.

7. Do I have the choice of vaccine?

At the time of scheduling an appointment on COWIN app, the app will show the name of vaccine being administered at each vaccination centre. Citizens can choose the vaccination centre as per their choice of vaccine being administered. However, the choice will not be available at the Government facilities. As of now, centres have "Covishield"/ "Covaxin" available. Both work fine in preventing the infection as well as prevents an individual from severe illness due to COVID-19 infection.

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8. Can the vaccine be given at home?

Currently door to door service for vaccination is not available. Vaccines are available at Government and Private Health Facilities as notified, known as COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs).

Source:

https://www.mohfw.gov.in/covid_vaccination/vaccination/faqs.html

9. Can a person get vaccinated without registration?

Citizens aged 45 years and above can schedule appointments online or walk-in to vaccination centres. However, Citizens aged 18-44 years should mandatorily register themselves and schedule appointment online before going to vaccination centre.

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10. What is the cost of Vaccine and who will pay?

- For citizens aged 45 years and above the vaccination is free at Government hospitals and charged at INR 250 in Private hospitals.
- For people between 18 to 44 years the States will announce the policy relating to payment. Vaccination will be priced by private facilities and you can see the price of each vaccine

below the name of the vaccination centre at the time of scheduling an appointment.

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11. Are there any preventive measures and precautions that one needs to follow at the session site?

We request you to wait at the vaccination centre for at least half an hour after taking the COVID-19 vaccine. Inform the nearest health authorities / ANM / ASHA in case you feel any discomfort or uneasiness subsequently. Remember to continue following key COVID Appropriate Behaviours like wearing of mask, maintaining hand sanitization and physical distance (or 6 feet or Do Gaj).

Source: [MyGov,India](https://mygov.in)

12. Which all COVID-19 vaccines are given in India?

Two vaccines have been approved for Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) by the National Regulator i.e. Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). These are “Covishield” manufactured by Serum Institute of India (SII) and “Covaxin” manufactured by Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL). Several other vaccines are at various stages of clinical development within the country. The National Regulator grants Permission for Restricted Use in Emergency Situations to Sputnik-V vaccine.

Source: pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1711342