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Dear Colleague,

Please refer to the letter DO No. 2467806/2021/Imm, dated 28th December, 2021 from this Ministry regarding provision of precaution dose for identified categories of population. Vide the said Letter it was also advised that the precaution dose would be administered on completion of 9 months i.e 39 weeks from the date of administration of 2nd dose.

2. In view of the evolving scientific evidence and global practices, "Standing Technical Sub Committee" (STSC) of "National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization" (NTAGI) has recommended to revise the duration between 2nd dose and precaution dose from existing 9 months or 39 weeks to **6 months or 26 weeks**. This has also been endorsed by NTAGI.

3. Therefore, it has now been decided that the precaution dose for all beneficiaries from 18- 59 years will be administered after completion of 6 months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of 2nd dose at Private Covid Vaccination Centers (CVCs). For beneficiaries aged above 60 years and above as well as the Health Care Workers (HCWs) & Front Line Workers (FLWs), precaution dose would be administered after completion of 6 months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of 2nd dose at Government CVCs, free of charge. Corresponding changes have been made in the CoWIN system to facilitate the new dispensation.

4. Instructions in this regard may be issued to all the concerned officials and it may also be publicized widely. I look forward to your support and leadership for extending the benefits of precaution dose to all due beneficiaries at Covid Vaccination Centers (CVCs) as well as at household level during the ongoing Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 Campaign

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely

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