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To

**Shri. Narendra Modi ji,
Honourable Prime Minister of India**

Subject - COVID Vaccination on war foot to mitigate recent surge of the pandemic.

Honourable Sir,

Greetings from Indian Medical Association (IMA) Headquarters.

It is painful to note in spite of the extraordinary efforts of the Government under your leadership and the modern medical fraternity altruistic services ,pandemic second wave surge is touching record heights. There are now more than 7.4 lakh active cases in the country. Sunday, April 4th 2021 recorded the highest number of new covid cases across the country with more than one lac lakh new cases, the highest daily increase recorded in the country since the beginning of the pandemic.

Indian Medical Association and entire 3.5 lakh modern medical fraternity stood proactively with our Government in the path breaking vaccine drive initiative and played an active role in mitigating vaccine hesitancy among the front line workers and public. The guidelines enforced for test ,trace and treat concept promulgated by the ministry of health was actively implemented across the country to break the chain .However due to the emergent complacent ,mass gatherings without masks , noncompliance of COVID appropriate behaviours and the deterrent mutations in the virus ,had surpassed our efforts to emerge as a fast spreading second wave. Stern implementation and execution of certain pre-emptive efforts will prove the key to contain the fast spreading pandemic.

Zero tolerance against the noncompliance of COVID appropriate behaviours, augmentation of infrastructure beds and oxygen availability , moral support and enthusiastic engagements of frontline health workers, ensuring adequate health care protective gears support and strict adherence to the evidence based treatment protocols are the key factors needed at this moment .

Vaccination against COVID stands as a single evidence based resource for us to restrict the cases by raising the personal immune response and pave way for herd immunity to decrease the severity of the disease. We have covered total 7.91 crores of population with covid vaccination till date, out of which 6.86 crores have received their first inoculation and 1.05 crores with second dose.

At present we are vaccinating the population above 45 years. In view of the rapid spread of the second wave of the disease, we suggest that the our vaccination strategy needs to be geared up with immediate effect on war foot. We request following suggestions in the Covid Vaccination Drive.

1. All citizens above 18 years of age shall be permitted to receive COVID vaccination.
2. Walk in COVID vaccination should be available for all, free of cost at their nearest possible place.

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3. Private sector family clinics also shall be included actively in the vaccination drive along with private hospitals .Availability of vaccination with all doctors & family physicians will have positive impact on the vaccination drive.
4. District level vaccine task force team shall be constituted with public ,private participation to enforce mass vaccination and monitoring and mitigating the Adverse drug events and build confidence. IMA is willing to actively take part in it.
5. Vaccination certificate shall be made a mandatory certificate for entering in to public places and receive products under public distribution system.
6. As there is acute spurt of this disease as an measure to immediate break the chain , limited period continuous lock down shall be implemented especially for all the non-essential areas like cinema, cultural and religious events, sports, etc.

Indian Medical Association assures and place our proactive support of entire man power and infrastructure facilities for the rapid vaccination drive & stands with Government during this hour of crisis.

We request you to consider our suggestions on vaccination at the earliest.

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. A. Jayalal

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