

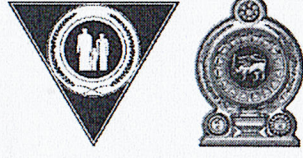
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RE: Vaccinating pregnant mothers against SARS CoV 2 infection

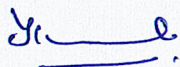
This is in reference to the decision taken at the Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases on 29th May 2021, to commence vaccination program for pregnant mothers using Sinopharm vaccine, once adequate stocks are available. Please take urgent action to communicate the following information to relevant health staff under your supervision:

1. Aim of vaccination – to prevent severe morbidity and mortality among pregnant mothers due to COVID 19
2. Antenatal mothers with medical risk factors are in risk of severe disease due to COVID and experience with adverse pregnancy outcomes. Therefore, high risk mothers - more than 35 years of age at the time of registration, co-morbidities (heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease, hypertension etc.) - excluding anaemia are planned to be vaccinated in their second and third trimester. Front line workers including health care staff will also be added into the target group.
3. Medical Officers of Health, who provides routine antenatal care for these mothers should identify and plan to vaccinate them in the central clinic of the MOH and other suitable clinic centres, with the availability of emergency resuscitation facilities.
4. Pregnant mothers with conditions that may be relative contraindications to vaccination will be referred to specialist clinic to be considered to receive the vaccine in a tertiary care hospital.
5. Mothers need to be counselled on the risks of acquiring COVID during the pregnancy and potential benefits of vaccination for mothers by PHM under the supervision and guidance of MOH / AMOH.
6. Vaccine delivery should follow guidelines issued by Director General of Health Services and Epidemiology unit on standard precautions and vaccine clinic organization at the field setting.

7. Vaccinated mothers need to be tracked using the vaccination tracker, COVID vaccination register to be developed by Family Health Bureau and the vaccination card.

The detail guideline on vaccination of pregnant mothers will be sent in due course. Please instruct Medical Officers of Health in your area to estimate the number of pregnant women to be vaccinated and communicate the number to Family Health Bureau on or before 7th of June 2021.

Your assistance to make this programme a success is highly appreciated.



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Medical Officers of Health – to communicate the estimated number of vaccines