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Vaccination of persons above 60years and persons with co morbidities who have not turned up for vaccination

COVID-19 death analysis show that over seventy-five percent of persons are over 60 years or having co morbid conditions. Of these a vast majority have not obtained COVID-19 vaccine. This indicate that there is a gap on vaccination of this high risk group and need to be urgently addressed to prevent deaths and complications.

Although previous instructions were given to make arrangements to vaccinate the groups who have not turned up for vaccination, it is not properly implemented in most of the districts. Therefore, you are informed to take immediate action to address this issue as follows.

1. Obtain data on persons over 60 years and persons with co morbid conditions who have not got the vaccination from the Village Committee, Grama Nildhari, Field Health Staff, Divisional Secretary etc.
2. Plan a programme to vaccinate such persons by 31st August 2021 and submit the district plan to the Director General of Health Services.
3. The vaccination should be done at the MOH Office/nearest hospital/field vaccination centre setup specially to cater to this group.
4. For persons who are immobile and persons who did not turn up for the special vaccination programme, a mobile vaccination programme should be implemented by the MOH Office.
5. Weekly data on number of persons vaccinated by this special programme and mobile vaccination programme should be submitted to the Director General of Health Services.
6. The Regional Director of Health Services should pay a personal attention to this task and ensure that vaccination of above high risk group is achieved within the given time frame.

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