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**COVID VACCINATION : ECHS MEMBERS FOR ABOVE 60 YEARS AND  
AGE GP OF 45 YEARS TO 59 YEARS WITH CO-MORBIDITIES  
IN AFMS HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (HCFs)**

1. Pl ref the fwg :-

- (a) CO ECHS letter No B/49762/AG/ECHS dated 10 Feb 2021 and letter of even No dated 01 Mar 2021 (Copy attached)
- (b) O/o DGAFMS letter No PC-402/7/nCoV/DGAFMS/DG-3A dated 08 Mar 2021 (Copy attached)

2. COVID-19 Vaccination of ECHS members will be conducted using Co-WIN portal at AFMS healthcare facilities, which are being registered in Co-WIN portal as 'COVID Vaccination Centres (CVC)'. These AFMS CVCs will be available as a choice for vaccination of dependants of serving personnel and ECHS members after online registration. These beneficiaries can also exercise the option of getting vaccinated at Government or private COVID Vaccination Centres and other facilities listed in the Co-WIN app in addition to AFMS hospitals. No reimbursement is permitted for vaccination taken in a private empanelled or non-empanelled hospital.

3. Spot registration facility will be available in all AFMS hospitals till such time the Co-WIN portal is updated to include the AFMS hospitals. The 'Spot Registration' will be carried out on 'First Come First Serve' (FCFS) basis. Subsequently once the AFMS hospitals are included in Co-WIN portal, the beneficiaries can registered themselves online.

4. To streamline process of registration of ECHS members and COVID Vaccination at designated AFMS HCFs, following directions will be followed at ECHS Polyclinics :-

- (a) OIC ECHS PC will be responsible for preparing eligibility certificate in name of eligible ECHS beneficiary as per format given in Appx 'A' in 02 copies. 01 signed copy has to be given to service hosp (AFMS hosp) in original (No photocopy should be accepted by service hosp). 01 copy will be kept with ECHS PC.

(b) OIC ECHS PC will prepare nominal roll of ECHS beneficiaries whom such certificate is issued and forward it to Regional Centres on daily basis as per format given in Appx 'B'.

(c) Medical Officers of ECHS Polyclinic will provide medical certificate to age gp between 45 years to 59 years with co-morbidities as directed in ibid letter dated 01 Mar 2021.

(d) ECHS PC will facilitate the beneficiaries in vaccination registration process as directed in ibid letter dt 10 Feb 2021.

5. RC ECHS will forward compiled report of all PCs to this HQ (mail ID – [jdmed1@ech.s.gov.in](mailto:jdmed1@ech.s.gov.in)) on daily basis as per format given in Appx 'C'.

6. The vaccines currently available with the AFMS are for HCWs and FLWs. These vaccines will not be utilized ab-initio for vaccination of ECHS members till such time clarifications in this context is received from the MoHFW. ESM may be advised to be in contact with OIC ECHS PC before going to Service Hospital.

7. Wide publicity utilizing all channels of communication will be given to ensure that maximum beneficiaries are able to avail the facility.

8. This is for your further necessary action and dissemination please.

9. This has the approval of MD ECHS.

(Panchal Kalpeshkumar S)

Lt Col

Jt Dir (Med)

for MD ECHS

**Encls** : As above.

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**ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE FOR COVID VACCINATION**

This is to certify that Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ is ECHS beneficiary and eligible for COVID vaccination. The details are as following:-

ECHS Card Number :

Mobile Number :

(Signature of OIC ECHS PC)

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**Appx 'B'**

Ser No	Date	No of ECHS Beneficiaries issued eligibility certificate		Remarks
		>60 Yrs	45-59 Yrs with Co-Morbidity	

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**Appx 'C'**

Ser No	Date	Name of ECHS Polyclinic	No of ECHS Beneficiaries issued eligibility certificate		Remarks
			>60 Yrs	45-59 Yrs with Co-Morbidity	

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10 Feb 2021

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**ADVISORY : COVID VACCINATION IN R/O ECHS BENEFICIARIES  
IN AGE GP ABOVE 50 YRS AND WITH CO-MORBIDITIES**

1. In view of COVID-19 pandemic scenario and COVID vaccination drive which has been started on 16 Jan 2021 initially with Health Care Workers, then for Front Line Workers and subsequently likely to begin for general public in Mar / Apr 2021.
2. COVID vaccination for general public will involve people above the age of 50 years and with co-morbidities (deemed to be in greater risk of severity).
3. Registration is required through Co-Win App in website ([www.cowin.gov.in](http://www.cowin.gov.in)) for each and every citizen of India for getting vaccinated. All the ECHS Polyclinics will act as COVID Registration Facilitation Centres for providing assistance to senior, super senior ECHS beneficiaries and widows who are not technology savvy in the registration process.
4. In view of the above, it is requested that following manpower may be provided to each Polyclinic from the respective formations as and when the Co-Win App is open for general public. The manpower provided should be capable of filling the details sought by App in consultation with veterans who need such assistance :-

S No	Type of Polyclinics	Clk / DEO
(a)	Type 'A' ECHS Polyclinic	05
(b)	Type 'B' ECHS Polyclinic	04
(c)	Type 'C' ECHS Polyclinic	03
(d)	Type 'D' ECHS Polyclinic	02

5. This is for issuing necessary directions to respective formations under your AOR for needful.

(Anupam N Adhulia)  
Col  
Dir (Med)  
for MD ECHS

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Central Organisation ECHS  
Integrated HQ of MoD (Army)  
Adjutant General's Branch  
Thimayya Marg  
Near Gopinath Circle  
Delhi Cantt-110010

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01 Mar 2021

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**COVID VACCINATION IN R/O ECHS BENEFICIARIES FOR ABOVE 60 YEARS  
AND AGE GP OF 45 YEARS TO 59 YEARS WITH CO-MORBIDITIES**

1. Please ref fwg :-
  - (a) CO ECHS letter No B/49762/AG/ECHS dt 10 Feb 2021 (Copy att).
  - (b) Prevailing guidelines on COVID vaccination by Gol for general public above the age gp of 45 years wef 01 Mar 2021.
2. As all ECHS Polyclinics will act as COVID Registration Facilitation Centres for providing assistance to ECHS beneficiaries, you are requested to promulgate following directions to all Polyclinics :-
  - (a) All ECHS Polyclinics should earmark one / two computer with internet facility which is already existing at Polyclinics for facilitating registration to ECHS beneficiaries.
  - (b) OIC, ECHS Polyclinic will be responsible for training of ECHS Polyclinic staff / DEO wrt registration process. User manual for the same is att as Appendix 'A'.
  - (c) Medical Officer of ECHS Polyclinic should provide medical certificate to ECHS beneficiaries of age group of 45 years to 59 years with co-morbidities.
3. List of co-morbidities and format of Medical Certificate are att as Appendices 'B' & 'C'.
4. Leftover unregistered ECHS Polyclinic Staff will also be registered under COWIN 2.0 portal as per guidelines given in Appendix 'D'.
5. For your info and necessary action please.

(Panchal Kalpeshkumar S)  
Lt Col  
Jt Dir (Med)  
for MD ECHS

**Encls** : As above.

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08 Mar 2021

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**GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION OF DEPENDANTS OF SERVING PERSONNEL  
AND ECHS MEMBERS IN AFMS HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**

1. Ref this Office letter of even No. dt 24 Dec 2020.
2. Govt of India has extended COVID-19 vaccination (Covishield and Covaxin) to include following categories:-
  - (a) All senior citizens of 60 years and above (age of 60 years or more as on 01 Jan 2022).
  - (b) All citizens with co-morbidities between 45 years to 59 years (aged or will attain the age of 45 years to 59 years as on 01 Jan 2022). List of the specified co-morbidities is attached as Appx 'A'.
3. Categories of beneficiaries mentioned in para 2 (a) and 2 (b) in Armed Forces will include dependants of serving personnel and ECHS members. Vaccination for these two categories will be conducted using Co-WIN portal at AFMS healthcare facilities which are being registered in Co-WIN portal as 'COVID Vaccination Centres (CVC)'. These AFMS CVCs will be available as a choice for vaccination of dependants of serving personnel and ECHS members after online registration. The aforesaid categories of beneficiaries can also exercise the option of getting vaccinated at Government or private COVID Vaccination Centres.
4. Registration for vaccination can be done by the a/m beneficiaries on CoWIN app or Arogya Setu app. However, if self registration is not feasible, on spot registration facilities will be made available at the designated healthcare facilities.
5. To streamline the process of registration of Healthcare facilities and beneficiaries on Co-WIN portal and Co-WIN app, officials from this Office have met the technical team at MOHFW on 05 Mar 2021 and necessary modifications to the existing software to suit the requirements of the Armed Forces have been proposed. It is expected that any outcome in the context following a favorable decision from MOHFW is likely to fructify within a period of 01 week.
6. To address the clientele requirement in the meanwhile, it is recommended that the fwg actions will be initiated by the Armed Forces Healthcare facilities imdt:-
  - (a) All Healthcare facilities which have been designated by the Line Dtes as COVID Vaccination Centres shall approach their respective DIOs for getting their facility registered on the Co-WIN portal. A minimum of 2-3 pers from each HCF will be trained by the DIO for operating the Co-WIN portal, planning vaccination sessions, registering beneficiaries etc. The option of 'Offline and Online' registration will be clearly understood to plan the sessions.
  - (b) One Officer from each Healthcare facility will be nominated as the Vaccination Site Manager who during the initial training session with the DIO shall also work out the modalities for vaccine collection in this regard.

(c) Having registered on the Co-WIN portal, HCFs will begin 'Spot Registration' of beneficiaries using the 'Offline' (100%) registration option. This modality will be adopted till such time the software modification for beneficiary registration is integrated into the existing system by MoHFW. Registration of beneficiaries can be done as 'Spot Registration' based on a 'First come, First serve' basis or through a telephonic appointment based system through creation of a Helpline Number.

(d) Subsequently, after the software modification has been integrated, HCFs, depending on beneficiary load and response may plan for a percentage of the total capacity per day to be 'Spot Registered', keeping the rest available only for Online registration.

(e) **Issues related to IT support in terms of hardware, Internet connection, data entry etc and crowd control will be projected to the Stn HQ/ Fmn HQ for necessary assistance and support.**

7. Misc issues:-

(a) Co-morbid conditions qualifying for vaccination of those in the age group of 45-59 years will be strictly in accordance to those specified by the MOHFW.

(b) Medical Officers and Specialists of the AFMS are authorized signatories for the certificate, based on which dependents can avail the vaccination.

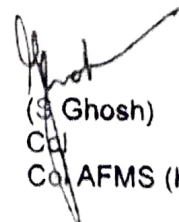
(c) Wide publicity utilizing all channels of communication will be given to ensure that maximum beneficiaries are able to avail the facility.

(d) The vaccines currently available with the AFMS are for HCWs and FLWs. **These vaccines will not be utilized ab-initio for vaccination of dependents and ESM till such time clarifications in this context is received from the MoHFW.**

(e) Daily category-wise report of the number of vaccinations carried out will be fwd in the format attached as Appx 'B' to this office by 1700h.

8. This is for your further necessary action please.

9. This has the approval of DGAFMS.

  
(S Ghosh)  
Cd  
Co AFMS (Health)

Encl: As above

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MoHFW, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi : for info of JS, MoHFW, Mr Vishal Chauhan, IAS.

Central Organization, ECHS : for necessary action please

LIST OF SPECIFIED CO-MORBIDITIES FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF CITIZENS IN  
AGE GROUP 45 TO 59 YEARS

<u>Ser No.</u>	<u>Criterion</u>
1.	Heart Failure with hospital admission in past one year
2.	Post Cardiac Transplant/ Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD)
3.	Significant Left Ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVEF <40%)
4.	Moderate or Severe Valvular Heart Disease
5.	Congenital heart disease with severe PAH
6.	Coronary Artery Disease with past CABG/ PTCA/ MI AND Hypertension/ Diabetes on treatment
7.	Angina AND Hypertension/ Diabetes on treatment
8.	CT/ MRI documented stroke AND Hypertension/ Diabetes on treatment
9.	Pulmonary artery hypertension AND Hypertension/ Diabetes on treatment
10.	Diabetes (> 10 years OR with complications) AND Hypertension on treatment
11.	Kidney/ Liver/ Hematopoietic stem cell transplant: Recipient/ On wait-list
12.	End Stage Kidney Disease on haemodialysis/ CAPD
13.	Current prolonged use of oral corticosteroids/ immunosuppressant medications
14.	Decompensated cirrhosis
15.	Severe respiratory disease with hospitalizations in last two years/ FEV1 <50%
16.	Lymphoma/ Leukaemia/ Myeloma
17.	Diagnosis of any solid cancer on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020 OR currently on any cancer therapy
18.	Sickle Cell Disease/ Bone marrow failure/ Aplastic Anemia/ Thalassemia Major
19.	Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases/ HIV infection
20.	Persons with disabilities due to Intellectual disabilities/ Muscular Dystrophy/ Acid attack with involvement of respiratory system/ persons with disabilities having high support needs/ multiple disabilities including deaf-blindness



**CERTIFICATE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WITH CO-MORBIDITIES THAT ENHANCE THE RISK OF MORTALITY IN COVID-19 DISEASE FOR PRIORITY VACCINATION (TO BE FILLED BY AMA/CONCERNED SPL)**

Name of beneficiary : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age : \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Identification document : \_\_\_\_\_

I, Dr \_\_\_\_\_, working as \_\_\_\_\_ have reviewed the above named individual and certify that he/she has the below mentioned conditions based on the records presented to me. A copy of the records on which this certificate is based is attached.

Presence of ANY ONE of the following criteria will prioritize the individual for vaccination :

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>
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having high support needs/ multiple disabilities including deaf-blindness

I am aware that providing false information is an offence.

Name of MO/Spl : \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Council registration of MO/Spl : \_\_\_\_\_

Date of issuing the certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Place of issue \_\_\_\_\_

(signature of MO/Spl)

