Subject: **COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses Interim Guidelines**

With reference to previous letter no. F. NO. 1-50/PHEOC/FEDSD/2022 dated 27 April 2022, and interim guidance on booster vaccination issued on 25th April 2022.

1. The recommendations for COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Doses have been reviewed and updated.

2. The updated guidelines are hereby annexed for dissemination to all concerned, please.

To:
- Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Islamabad.
- Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Islamabad.
- Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Islamabad.
- Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research, Islamabad.
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- SPS to Secretary to Prime Minister, Islamabad.
COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses Updated Guidelines

The current vaccination coverage of the Pakistan population is over 86% due to successive vaccination drives all over the country. With the continuing COVID-19 pandemic situation, we are cognizant of the need and rationale for additional / booster doses to ensure control of disease transmission. In this regard, the expert committee has recommended the following:

**First booster dose**

The following categories of individuals are eligible for the first booster Covid-19 vaccine dose after completion of primary vaccination schedule.

1. Citizens, 12 years of age and above
2. Healthcare workers
3. Immunocompromised persons of all eligible age groups
4. Travelers: Citizens with travel requirements can get one or two additional doses of vaccine free of cost with a minimum gap of 21/28 days from previous dose.

**Timing / interval recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the persons receiving this vaccine dose should have received the last vaccine more than 5 months.
2. Those recovering from recent Covid-19 infection may wait for 28 days before getting a booster dose.

**Second booster dose**

1. Citizens, 12 years of age and above
2. Healthcare workers
3. Immunocompromised persons of all eligible age groups
Timing / interval recommendations

It is recommended that the persons receiving 2nd booster dose should have received the last vaccine more than 4 months.

Vaccine type

The booster / additional dose may be the same as the initial vaccine or a different vaccine as available.


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