Guidelines

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses Interim Guidelines

While the primary focus and priority of the Covid-19 vaccination campaign remains the UNVACCINATED persons in the community, we are cognizant of the evolving need and rationale for additional / booster doses in specific segments of the population.

First Booster Dose

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

1. Citizens, 18 years of age and above
2. Immunocompromised persons of all eligible age groups
3. Healthcare workers
4. Travelers

Timing / Interval recommendations

1. It is recommended that the 1st booster dose should be administered after 5/6 months from the date of 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
2. Those who are recovering from a recent Covid-19 infection may wait for 28 days before getting a booster dose.

Second Booster Dose

1. Citizens, 18 years of age and above
2. Immunocompromised persons of all eligible age groups
3. Healthcare workers
4. Travelers

Timing / Interval recommendations

1. It is recommended that the 2nd booster dose should be administered after 4 months from the date of first complete booster dose.
2. Those who are recovering from a recent Covid-19 infection may wait for 28 days before getting a booster dose.
Vaccine Type

The booster / additional dose may be the same as the initial vaccine or a different vaccine. Vaccine choice should be based on availability or personal preference. Any available vaccine can be used for a booster dose.

Note:
Boosters to all of the above stated categories will be offered from the pool of vaccines procured by the Government of Pakistan.

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