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To : The Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation
The District Magistrate, all districts
The Commissioner, other Municipal Corporations

Sub: Immunisation services during and post COVID-19 outbreak

Sir/ Madam,

You are aware that immunization is one of the essential health services to be continued during COVID-19 outbreak to protect children and pregnant women from Vaccine Preventable Diseases and needs to be immediately addressed.

The services of medical and paramedical staffs including ANM, ASHA, FTS, HHW are urgently required in meeting the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic. *Furthermore, they have to render normal responsibilities, such as conducting immunization sessions maintaining preventive measures of COVID-19 such as social distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene etc.* Please ensure the supply of appropriate PPE to the vaccinators and mobilisers.

You are requested to take necessary steps for smooth movements of the staffs as well as vaccine. Urban local body, Borough and Gram Panchyats may be requested to ensure well ventilated seating area with demarcated seating arrangement of 1 meter apart for the sessions. We may consider AWW centre, Schools, Panchayat building, Community centers etc. in addition to sub-centres/ UPHC/Health posts.

A. In Red and Orange zone:

- a. ***In Containment and Buffer Zone:*** Birth dose will be continued. Vaccinator and vaccine should be available in health facilities such as MCH, DH, SDH, SGH, RH, PHC, UPHC, SC, Urban Health Post etc., so that beneficiaries, who will report for immunization, are not deprived. But no active mobilization is needful now.
- b. ***Outside the Buffer Zone:*** Birth dose and vaccination at health facilities such as MCH, DH, SDH, SGH, RH, PHC, UPHC, SC, and Urban Health Post etc. will be continued. Modified outreach session will have to be conducted.

B. In Green Zone: Birth dose, vaccination at health facilities such as MCH, DH, SDH, SGH, RH, PHC, UPHC, SC, Urban Health Post etc. and outreach sessions will be continued.

