HIGHLIGHTS

• From 11 April 2021 all individuals above 45 years, employed formally at a workplace can be vaccinated at workplace vaccination centers (Link)
• Union Health Minister addresses WHO on World Health Day (Link)
• Union Health Minister reviews COVID-19 situation and vaccination progress in 11 States/UTs with high burden of cases (Link)
• Prime Minister interacts with chief ministers of various states regarding COVID-19 situation (Link)
• Union Health Minister chairs 24th meeting of Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19 (Link)
• Centre to help Maharashtra procure over 1000 ventilators from Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh (Link)
• Centre prohibits exports of Injection Remdesivir and Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) till the COVID-19 situation in the country improves (Link)
• Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances calls for celebrating the “Teeka Utsav” by facilitating vaccination for all those eligible (Link)
• India becomes the fastest country to administer 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

• India witnesses surge in cases on daily basis; in the past 24 hours, 168,912 confirmed cases have been reported. This is the highest number of daily COVID-19 cases reported by India.
• Five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are contributing more than 55% of total cases here.
• In the past week, India has reported 5,078 deaths, of which the highest were in Maharashtra (2,109) followed by Chhattisgarh (580) and Punjab (424).

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week, as compared to previous week, all states/UTs has shown an increase in cases except Nagaland.
• In Maharashtra, government has decided that any housing society with more than 5 active COVID-19 cases will be treated as a micro-containment zone
• In Punjab, gatherings have been banned and night curfew has been imposed from 9 pm to 5 am in all districts
• In Uttar Pradesh, Chief secretary has been deployed by the Chief Minister’s Office to Kumbh areas for three days to monitor the situation

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

• WHO urges countries to build a fairer, healthier world post-COVID-19. On World Health Day (7 April), WHO issued five calls for urgent action to improve health for all people, details here
• Alisson Becker and WHO Foundation launch campaign to raise resources and support treatment for COVID-19 patients, details here
• WHO issued interim statement of the COVID-19 subcommittee on safety of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, details here
• More than one hundred economies have received life-saving COVID-19 vaccines from COVAX, the global mechanism for equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
• Participated in meetings regarding COVID-19 surge, response, and vaccination chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries in Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh

COVID-19 vaccination
• High level oversight on vaccination campaign is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels
• WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring
• Supporting Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance
• WCO is continuing to support disease surveillance through IHIP at Kumbh Mela and mask compliance study in all Kumbha Mela Zones in Haridwar, Uttar Pradesh

Information and Planning
• WCO to support sero-survey in Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with King George Medical University Lucknow & Agra Medical College

Hospital Preparedness and Infection Prevention and Control
• Supporting Municipal Corporation of Mumbai, Maharashtra in assessment of private health facilities which can be utilized as COVID-19 health facilities given the surge
• Facilitated re-training of private hospitals in Uttar Pradesh regarding IPC measures and management of suspected COVID-19 patients

Essential Services
• Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu
• Supporting Assam with sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/ MR/ DPT
Supporting Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu in preparing for launch of Integrated Disease Surveillance Program-Integrated Health Information Platform (IDSP-IHIP)

Supporting Haryana for National Immunization Day for Polio

Facilitating workshop regarding modified case definition of Measles-Rubella and revised surveillance guidelines in Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu

Orienting state health officials regarding fever and rash surveillance in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

As of 12 April 2021, India has tested more than 257 million samples. Tests include both, RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 10.7%.

India continued to drive Covid-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of Covid-19 vaccination (as on 12 April 2021, 07:00 AM)

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GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- Safe Ramadan practices in the context of COVID-19 [LINK]
- Reducing public health risks associated with the sale of live wild animals of mammalian species in traditional food markets [LINK]
- Guidance on COVID-19 vaccination at work places (Government & Private)* [LINK]
  (*Ministry of Health & FW, Government of India)

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