



Confederation of Indian Industry

Covid-19 Vaccination

Critical Submissions

The CII Task Force on Covid Vaccine has in the recent weeks shared the following critical submissions with NEGVAC:

- **Economic Planning for Phased Private Sector Engagement in Inoculation** – This document recommends considering the private sector contribution from the very beginning in possible partnership modes to amplify access, reach and acceptance. The recommendation was earlier shared with Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- **Comprehensive Legal Framework Document** – This document highlights issues related to safeguarding and limiting the liability / compensation of various stakeholders involved in vaccine distribution, delivery, administration, etc.
- **CSR Spends under COVID-19 Vaccines Programme** - CII undertook the exercise of identifying the elements in the vaccination program, which if supported or undertaken by companies, may be considered under the 2% CSR spends.

- Submissions on including certain important groups within the priority categories for vaccination with the objective to get the workforce back to work have been shared with NEGVAC.
- Further **submissions on the list and coordinates of manufacturers** of Auto Disable syringes, Insulin Syringes, Needle Cutters and Medical Waste Bags have been provided to NEGVAC.
- **Communication Collaterals** – A campaign tagline has been developed by the best creative minds along with a detailed strategy for dissemination to remove vaccine hesitancy.
- **Other suggestions** – Following inputs have also been recommended to NEGVAC
 - RTPCR testing should be ramped up across all states by 70%.
 - Rigorous contact tracing must be followed.
 - Strict adherence on wearing masks and maintaining adequate social distancing protocols must be re-emphasized and encouraged.
 - There are approximately 850 million people above the age of twenty years in India today. There is need to vaccinate at least 60% of the population for herd immunity to protect the rest. The inoculation processes may set a target of 100 million vaccinations a month for three months and then step it up to 200 million vaccinations per month from July 2021.

- Most large private hospitals can expand capacity to 1000 shots per day in a week, from the current 200 shots/day, provided they get the vaccine supply.
- The Government may also want to describe criteria for mobile vaccination clinics and allow vaccination in these units specially to reach out to rural areas. Once again, the government can utilise the corporates with many having existing arms on the ground to reach communities in the last mile as well.
- As the vaccines are made available to Industry at large, there will be the requirement of **training COVID SATHIS** – these are essentially non-medical support staff that need to be trained in providing counselling/ services to the beneficiaries. These job roles will need to be ratified and CII along with the Healthcare Sector Skill Council (HSSC) is well placed to facilitate such trainings/ capacity buildings across States.