

Webinar on “COVID-19 Vaccines - Q & A with Experts”

16th June, 2021 | Time: 03:30 pm – 05:00 pm

Background:

Starting from China in December 2019, the pandemic of COVID-19 has emerged as one of the biggest biological disaster and public health challenges in the history of humankind. It has posed a great risk to the economic, social, physical, and emotional wellbeing of people all over the world, and India is not an exception to that. The entire country has unanimously put in efforts to defeat the pandemic in different parts of India. Strategic measures taken by union and state governments like swiftly increasing the production, supplies, and imports of medical and pharmaceutical goods and services essential to managing the situations of outbreaks of COVID-19 foreseeing the demands, and stringent measures like complete & partial lockdowns taken by various states had helped to keep the rates of cases and deaths in check in India as compared to other developed nations.

R&D and manufacturing of COVID-19 Vaccines has also been taking place at an unprecedented scale in India and all around the world. Beginning the COVID-19 vaccination drives from January 2021, and with initiatives like Tika Utsav, India has also been among the countries that have delivered maximum numbers of doses at highest rates of daily vaccinations. By the end of first week of June 2021, nearly 23.5 Cr. people have received at least one dose of vaccines and nearly 4.5 Cr. People are fully already fully vaccinated in India. And to increase the coverage of vaccinations, the Hon' Prime Minister of India on 7th June 2021 announced free vaccination for all Indians with 18+ years of age. But, like several other countries, the issue of “Vaccine Hesitancy” may hinder the COVID-19 vaccination drives in India as well and limit governments from achieving the targets set for COVID-19 immunization.

The Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM) registered as an autonomous society under the Government of Gujarat is one of the apex training and research institute in the field of disaster risk management in India. GIDM works towards building capacity, imparting knowledge and raise awareness among communities in the field of disaster risk management. Immunization of desired proportion of population is one of the key risk reduction strategy against this deadly

pandemic and vaccine hesitancy may impede it. Considering this, the Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM), with experts speakers from the field, is organizing a webinar for all its MoU partners and larger audience from the Gujarat State where experts will talk about the key reasons behind COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and burst the myths around it.

Aim & Objective:

To address various reasons behind vaccine hesitancy and burst the myths around it by answers following and several other pertinent questions around it,

1. Are COVID-19 vaccines safe?
2. What are common side effects of COVID-19 vaccines? When are they matter of serious concerns?
3. Which COVID-19 vaccines are available in India and worldwide and what are the key differences in them?
4. Who all a eligible for COVID-19 vaccines?
5. When to take COVID-19 vaccines doses? What should be the intervention between doses?

Target:

1. All MoU Partners of GIDM
2. Open for general public by live streaming on GIDM social media handles

Resource Persons:

1. Dr. Parthiv Mehta,
Sr. Pulmonologist, Intensivist, Medical Director - Mission Life India
2. Dr. Darshana Thakker,
Sr. Gynaecologist, Renowned Health & Wellbeing Speaker