

## COMORBIDITIES FOR VACCINE ELIGIBILITY



### Issue

The union government has said that all citizens above 60 years of age and those over 45 years with comorbidities will be vaccinated in the next phase

### Background

Around 27 crore people belong in these categories. The second phase of vaccination will have a system of self-registration.

### Details

- Anybody who is suffering from serious cardiovascular ailments, diabetes, hypertension, cancer, AIDS and persons with disabilities have been included in the list.
- Those who have suffered from heart failure and have been admitted to a hospital in the last one year, as well as those suffering from significant left ventricular systolic dysfunction.
- Those who have undergone a post-cardiac transplant or have a left ventricular assist device also qualify.
- Those suffering from hypertension or diabetes along with pulmonary artery hypertension, angina, or coronary artery diseases with past history of coronary artery bypass grafting/ percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty/ myocardial infarction.
- People who have been suffering from diabetes for more than 10 years or have complications induced by diabetes and have a problem of hypertension as well will also be considered.
- Individuals suffering from end-stage kidney disorders and are on haemodialysis/ Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis, as well as patients

of decompensated cirrhosis are eligible.

- People who have undergone kidney, liver or hematopoietic stem cell transplant, or are on the on-wait list for any of these transplants also qualify.
- People who have been using oral corticosteroids or immunosuppressant medications for a long time will also be eligible for vaccination.
- Those who had any solid cancer detected after July 1 last year or are in cancer therapy now can also get the vaccine.
- People with intellectual disabilities, those with disabilities that have high support needs as well as multiple other disabilities, including blindness and deafness have been included.
- They will need a certificate from any medical practitioner clearly listing the comorbidities and stating that their condition makes them more vulnerable to Covid-19 infection.

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