Dear colleague,

It has already been communicated to the states/UTs, that during the COVID-19 outbreak, essential services for reproductive, maternal, new born and child care and adolescent health care are to be continued (vide letter dated 14th April 2020). It is pertinent to reemphasize that Immunization services are an essential component of health services and need to be continued to protect children and pregnant mothers from vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs).

The Ministry has now prepared a comprehensive guidance note for enabling delivery of immunization services during and post COVID-19 outbreak in line with the area categorization for COVID-19 into two groups i.e. (i) Containment zone & Buffer zone and (ii) Beyond buffer zone.

I am enclosing the guidance note for delivery of immunization services during and post COVID-19 outbreak for your ready reference. The same has been also uploaded on our website.

Yours sincerely,

(Preeti Sudan)

ACS/ Principal Secretary of all states/ UTs

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