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COVID vaccination in the Karnataka State commenced with vaccination to all Health Care Workers. The program was expanded with time to include vaccination of Front Line Workers, citizens more than 60 years of age, citizens more than 45 years of age and eventually citizens more than 18 years of age.

Under the National COVID Vaccination Program, from 16th January to 30th April 2021, Karnataka State administered vaccination free of cost to defined priority groups. To increase the pace of vaccination, participation of private hospitals was also enlisted where individuals could also chose to get vaccinated at a prescribed rate.

Under the revised Guidelines effective from 1st May, 2021, Government of India was procuring 50% of the vaccine produced and was continuing to provide them to States free of cost for administering to priority groups. The State Government and private hospitals were now also empowered to directly procure from the remaining 50% vaccine pool. Based on this private hospitals started procuring vaccines directly from the manufactures.

It was noted that small and remote private hospitals are facing difficulties in managing the procurement and logistics of vaccines, impacting the pace of the National COVID Vaccination Program.

In order to incentivize production by vaccine manufacturers and encourage new vaccines, domestic vaccine manufacturers are given the option to also provide vaccines directly to private hospitals. This would be restricted to 25% of their monthly production. State government would aggregate the demand of private hospitals keeping in view equitable distribution between large and small private hospitals and regional balance.

Based on this aggregated demand, Government of India will facilitate supply of these vaccines to the private hospitals and their payment will be through the National Health Authority's electronic platform. This would enable the small and remote private hospitals to obtain timely supply of vaccines, and further equitable access and regional balance.

Keeping in view the aforesaid aspects, Vaccine indent for private hospitals has been created in KPME website <https://kpme.karnataka.gov.in/Login.aspx>. User manual regarding the same has been attached with this letter.

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You are requested to circulate this to all private hospitals interested in participation for Covid vaccination.

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