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Centre to conduct second dry run of COVID-19 vaccination on Jan 8

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The Central Government is gearing up for the roll out of COVID-19 vaccine across the country. Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) has been pro-actively carrying out the preparations for roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine, in collaboration with States/UTs and all stakeholders, over the past couple of months to ensure that the preparations for roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine are on track.

The roll out of COVID-19 vaccine is expected to begin in the near future. This milestone entails the need for testing of all planned mechanisms for conducting the vaccination drive in the country.

As a simulation of actual execution, another round of dry run/mock drill in all 700+ districts of all States/UTs (except UP and Haryana who have already conducted/ will be conducting the dry run in all districts on January 5 and January 7 respectively) is planned on January 8, 2021 to ensure efficient planning and management for vaccine delivery in each district of all States/UTs.

The dry run will also familiarise the State, District, Block and Hospital level officers on all aspects of COVID-19 roll out.

A dedicated 24x7 call centre has also been established for technical queries of Co-WIN users. The cold chain infrastructure (like walk-in-freezers, walk-in-coolers, ice-lined refrigerators, deep freezers) along with sufficient supplies of syringes and other logistics have been ensured to begin COVID-19 vaccination drive.

Detailed operational guidelines on all aspects of the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, including session planning and management, session site layout & its organisation, AEFI management, IEC messages, infection prevention and control practices etc, have already been shared with the States/UTs and they have also been oriented on the same.