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Apollo Hospitals to start vaccination prog for children aged 15-18 from Jan 4

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Apollo Hospitals will begin the vaccination programme for children in the age group of 15 to 18 years across Apollo Hospitals Vaccination Centres in the country tomorrow. The vaccine administered would be Covaxin, which has received emergency use approval for use in children by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). Covaxin would be administered in two doses at a gap of 28 days.

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Apollo Hospitals' specially trained staff will be deployed to take care of the vaccination for children above 15 years of age. All recommended Government protocols will be followed including identity checks before administration of the vaccine shots, validation of data in Co-WIN app, observation for 30 minutes post-vaccination, and AEFI (adverse effects following immunisation) management if any. Proper maintenance of the cold chain for vaccine storage and biomedical waste management will be ensured. The vaccination process will follow infection control practices including screening of all beneficiaries for fever, physical distancing, hand hygiene, universal masking, and safe injection practices.