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FACT SHEET FOR VACCINE RECIPIENT
ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 Corona Virus Vaccine (Recombinant)

COVISHIELD®

IN PREVENTION OF (COVID-19) DISEASE
IN INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

HOW IS THE COVISHIELD™ GIVEN?
The COVISHIELD™ vaccine will be given to you as an intramuscular (IM) injection only, preferably in the deltoid muscle.
The COVISHIELD™ vaccination course consists of two separate doses of 0.5 ml each.
If you receive one dose of the COVISHIELD™ vaccine, then the second dose should be administered between 4 to 12 weeks after the first dose.
If you miss your second dose
If you forget to go back at the scheduled time, ask your healthcare provider/doctor for advice. It is important that you return for your second dose of COVISHIELD™ vaccine.

HAS THE COVISHIELD™ VACCINE BEEN USED BEFORE?
The COVISHIELD™ is used in clinical trials, a number of participants received one or two doses in overseas and Indian trials.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE COVISHIELD™ VACCINE?
In ongoing clinical trials, the COVISHIELD™ vaccine has been shown to prevent COVID-19 disease following 2 doses given between 4 and 12 weeks apart. The duration of protection against COVID-19 disease is currently unknown. Protection against COVID-19 disease starts from approximately 3 weeks after the first dose of COVISHIELD™. Individuals may not be fully protected until 15 days after the second dose is administered. However, please note that as with any vaccine, COVISHIELD™ may not protect everyone who is vaccinated from COVID-19. Therefore, you should follow all the standard measures listed below. It is not yet known how long people who receive the vaccine will be protected.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE COVISHIELD™ VACCINE?
Like all medicines, this vaccine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Get urgent medical attention from your doctor if you get symptoms of a severe allergic reaction. Such reactions may include a combination of any of the following symptoms:
• feeling faint or light-headed
• changes in your heartbeat
• shortness of breath or wheezing
• swelling of your lips, face, or throat
• hives or rash
• nausea or vomiting
• stomach pain
After vaccination, you may have more than one side effect at the same time (for example, muscle/joint aches, headaches, chills and generally feeling unwell). If any of your symptoms are persistent, please seek advice from your healthcare provider / doctor.
Side effects that have been reported with the COVISHIELD™ Vaccine include:
Very Common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)
• tenderness, pain, warmth, or itching where the injection is given
• generally feeling unwell
• feeling tired (fatigue)
• chills or feeling feverish
• headache
• feeling sick (nausea)
• joint pain or muscle ache
Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)
• swelling or redness where the injection is given
• pain in legs or arms
• being sick (vomiting) or diarrhea or abdominal pain
• pain in ears or nose
• sore throat, runny nose, cough and chills
• feeling dizzy
Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)
• sleepiness or feeling dizzy
• abdominal pain
• enlarged lymph nodes
• excessive sweating, itchy skin, rash or hives
• sensation like numbness, tingling, pins and needles (paraesthesia)
• reduced sensation of touch (hypoesthesia)
• ringing in the ears (tinnitus)
• decreased appetite
Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people)
• one-sided facial drooping
Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)
• major blood clots in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia) have been observed with a frequency of less than 1 in 10,000 vaccinated individuals.
• low blood platelets (thrombocytopenia)
• very low levels of blood platelets (immune thrombocytopenia) that can be associated with bleeding
• serious nerve inflammation, which may cause paralysis and difficulty breathing (Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS))

Not known (the frequency cannot be determined from the available data)
• severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis)
• severe swelling of the lips, mouth, throat (which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing) (angioedema)
• blood clots in the brain, not associated with low level of blood platelets
• inflammation of blood vessels in the skin, often with a rash and small red or purple spots (cutaneous vasculitis)

Most of the side effects with COVISHIELD™ occur on the day of vaccination and are uncommon by Day 5 to 7, indicating that these effects are self-limiting and of short duration. The majority of the side effects are mild or moderate in severity. When compared with the first dose, side effects reported after the second dose are milder and reported less frequently. Side effects are generally milder and reported less frequently in older adults (> 65 years old).
If needed, medicines used to treat fever like paracetamol may be used to provide relief from these side effects. In case you need medical advice, kindly consult your healthcare provider / doctor.
These may not be all the possible side effects of the COVISHIELD™ Vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. If you experience any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your healthcare provider / doctor. If you experience unusually high or prolonged fever, or other symptoms, alternative causes should be considered and contact your healthcare provider / doctor to seek further medical advice.

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?
If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call or go to the nearest hospital.
Call the healthcare provider/doctor if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.
In addition, you can report side effects after vaccination to Serum Institute of India Pvt Ltd who is the manufacturer of COVISHIELD™ vaccine as below:
• 24 x 7 Call Center Toll-Free Number (For Reporting of Adverse Event only): 1800 1200124
• pharmacovigilance@seruminstitute.com

WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET THE COVISHIELD™ VACCINE?
It is your choice to receive or not receive the COVISHIELD™ Vaccine. You may prefer to consult your healthcare provider/doctor.

CAN I RECEIVE THE COVISHIELD™ VACCINE WITH OTHER VACCINES?
There is no information on the use of the COVISHIELD™ Vaccine with other vaccines.

WHAT IF I AM PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING?
You may discuss your options with the healthcare provider/doctor.

WILL THE COVISHIELD™ VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19 INFECTION?
No. The COVISHIELD™ COVID-19 Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19 infection.

KEEP YOUR VACCINATION CARD
When you get your dose, please discuss with your healthcare provider/doctor regarding the option of your vaccination record on digital platform, if available.

AFTER VACCINATION, DO I NEED TO CONTINUE TAKING PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT COVID-19 INFECTION?
People who get vaccinated should continue to follow all current guidance to protect themselves against COVID-19 after they are vaccinated. That means:
• Wearing a mask
• Staying at least six feet away from others
• Avoiding crowds
• Washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?
• Ask the healthcare provider/doctor.
• Contact your local or state public health department.
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