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Re-opening of the Universities and Students' Vaccination Programme

In view of the need to open the Higher Educational Institutions/ Institutes (HEIs) of the country for the students to carry out their academic activities without interruption, a meeting was held on 22nd October 2021 with the participation of the UGC-CVCD, the Director General of Ministry of Health, consultants of the Epidemiology Unit and other relevant officials.

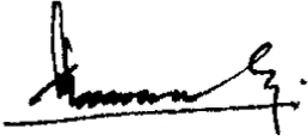
According to Ministry of Health, the law on individual rights does not allow forcing anyone to get vaccinated. The students who have obtained both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine can come to the universities after two weeks from the date they were last vaccinated. The Ministry of Health was requested to conduct a public awareness programme on the 3rd vaccine from Pfizer which they are planning to give as a booster for those who are already vaccinated from Sinopharm and other types.

The Universities and HEIs are requested to strictly adhere to the following guidelines during the re-opening.

1. The vaccination for all the university students should be completed by the universities and HEIs prior to re-opening. The students with allergies are advised to get the vaccine under medical supervision in hospitals.
2. Only 25% of the total number of students should be called to the universities/HEIs initially in order to maintain social distancing. This figure is not applicable for the Medical and Allied Health Sciences students.
3. It is recommended to keep the students who use public transportation in a distinct place for 14 days before allowing them to attend lectures or examinations.

4. Considering the difficulty in wearing face masks during practical sessions such as dancing, it is recommended to follow specific guidelines mentioned below during the practical sessions.
- The students with Covid-19 symptoms should not be allowed attend the practical sessions
 - Social distancing should be strictly maintained
 - An open area to be used for practical sessions

Thank you



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