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Dear Gownon,

Sub: CHI – School & Anganwadi based JE vaccination campaign and roll out in the routine immunization in 4 JE Endemic districts in Telangana i.e., Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajigiri, Ranga Reddy & Vikarabad Districts – Request – Regarding.

The Government of Telangana has approved to conduct Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccination campaign for the age group of 9 months to 15 years. This campaign is scheduled in 4 districts i.e., entire Hyderabad and Medchal. Partial districts of Vikarabad and Ranga Reddy. Few mandals of Vikarabad and Ranga Reddy do not administer JE vaccine in RI. Those mandals of erstwhile Mahabubnagar which have been merged in to Vikarabad and Ranga Reddy already administer JE vaccination in Routine Immunization along with rest of the 29 districts.

The JE vaccination campaign is proposed to be launched on 25.07.2024 and completed in 3 weeks i.e., 25th July to 15th August 2024.

Japanese Encephalitis (JE), commonly called as Brain Fever spreads through the bite of an infected mosquito. Common symptoms of JE include headache, fever, mental confusion and delirium. The disease primarily affects the children and prevention of JE is by administration of JE vaccine.

JE vaccine is administered in 2 doses along with MR 1 & MR 2 at 9 months and 16 months of age. Route of administration is Intra Muscular. The Site of administration is Left thigh for 9 months to 2 yrs children and for children above 2 years is left upper arm Intra Muscular and dosage is 0.5 ml for all age groups.

For effective implementation of JE vaccination in the State, we seek your combined support for comprehensive outreach of all children in the State, through active participation of the Departments of Health, School Education and Women Development and Child Welfare.

For the school children Govt and Govt aided schools will be taken up for the campaign. Out of school and Anganwadi children will be vaccinated at the AWCs, RI sessions, PHCs and SCs.

JE vaccination in these 4 districts children in the age group of 9 months to 15 years from both Government, Government Aided and Vocational Institutes, Schools, Hostels and Anganwadi Centres to vaccinate out of school children across 4 districts.

In view of the above, I request you to ensure and direct the concerned officers to take up the following activities prior to JE vaccination campaign.

- 1. To conduct District Task Force committee meeting to ensure inter-sectoral
- 2. To prepare and review Micro Plans at District, Cluster, PHC and Sub Centre
- 3. To instruct Health Officials to conduct convergence meetings with all line departments at all levels for better coordination.
- 4. To instruct District AEFI committee to conduct prompt investigation and reporting in case of any AEFI.
- 5. To ensure prompt program planning and implementation.
- To ensure communication through Print & Electronic media.

I request your personal attention and support to the above key issues, so as to enable all the children in the eligible children in your district are protected against Japanese Encephalitis by prompt JE vaccination.

Looking forward to your support in this regard.

With Regards

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To.

Sri Gowtham Potru, IAS District Collector & Magistrate, Medchal Malkajgiri District.

Note: On Monday (12/8/2024) the health department is conducting Camp for J.E Vaccination (Brain Fever) in School for the age group of 9 months to 15 years from 10 am onwards. Interested parents can avail the facility.