

महाराष्ट्र राज्य औषध व्यवसाय परिषद

(भारत सरकारच्या औषध व्यवसाय अधिनियम १९४८ चा ८ वा अंतर्गत घटित)

MAHARASHTRA STATE PHARMACY COUNCIL

(Constituted under The Pharmacy Act, 8 of 1948 of Government of India)



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Date :

22 FEB 2021

To,
Hon'ble Union Minister,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India
Room No. 348; 'A' Wing,
NirmanBhavan, New Delhi-110011.

Sub - Consideration of Registered Pharmacists – "COVID-19 Warriors",
working as Community and Hospital Pharmacist, for COVID-19 -
vaccination by Government of India on priority.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council, (MSPC) we take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude to the entire department for the tireless efforts since outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19 for containment of pandemic COVID -19 and recent vaccination drive for front line health workers.

As you are aware Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council is a statutory body constituted by Government of Maharashtra under provisions of Pharmacy Act -1948 which is a Central Act. Presently there are more than 2 lac 70,000 registered pharmacists on our records who render their services in different sectors of pharmacy ranging from research, manufacture of drugs/medicines, education, regulatory till dispensing of drugs /medicines to end user by a registered pharmacist working in hospital set up or retail pharmacy set up.

Registered pharmacist is important factor in health care chain, especially is important factor between drugs/medicines and end user that is patient.

Kindly be noted that Government of India has notified Pharmacists as COVID-19 Warriors on covidwarriors.gov.in website (Screen shot attached)

Almost since March 2020 when entire country was fighting with Pandemic COVID -19, our registered pharmacists have not only rendered tireless services in manufacturing, research and production department of pharmaceutical organisations making important medicines manufactured and available for global population but also working in hospital pharmacy and retail pharmacy (community pharmacist) have given services round the clock by dispensing medicines to people approaching their pharmacies. Such services are rendered by them to patients as well as their relatives by following norms of wearing mask, social distancing, hand hygiene etc as per government guidelines though were not protected with PPE kit. They have also worked in containment zones as part of their duty irrespective of many odd circumstances

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and hurdles like travel issues, availability of safety equipment's like PPE kit etc .While executing their duties they have ensured adequate supply of medicines as well as many of them have tried best to counsel patients and or their relatives on drugs related issues as well as on critical health issues thus boosting the morale and confidence of public at large during the difficult psychological situation of Pandemic COVID-19.

There are many instances especially in state of Maharashtra that many of community pharmacists have worked beyond boundaries and have ensured timely delivery of prescribed medicines like Remdesivir, Tocilizumab to people at large without any additional monetary gains. It is contention of this office that our Registered Pharmacists have fought like true warriors in National Emergency situation and also our council (MSPC) has tried to help our fellow pharmacists by sending e-newsletters via e-mails and SMS, providing informative links issued by Government of India and Government of Maharashtra, training modules of Integrated Government Online training Diksha platform to encourage them to use same during this time. Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council has conducted various webinars to update Registered Pharmacists on various aspects associated with COVID-19 like Nutrition, Mental Health etc.

In light of services rendered by registered pharmacists working as community and hospital pharmacist, on behalf of Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council we sincerely request you to consider them for COVID-19 vaccination program free of cost by Government of India on priority.

Thanking you,

Warm regards,

Saily Swapnil Masal
Registrar-MSPC











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President -MSPC

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Organization Wise Covid Warriors Data - Total for All Organizations- 15896093

MBBS doctors Total Numbers 927000	MBBS Students Total Numbers 153656	Nurses Total Numbers 1748363	Dentists Total Numbers 217000
Pharmacists Total Numbers 1125222	AYUSH Total Numbers 832445	CPSEs Hospitals Total Numbers 201	ESIC Hospitals Total Numbers 49
Railway Hospitals Total Numbers 50	Ordnance and HAL Hospitals Total Numbers 13	Port Hospitals Total Numbers 12	LAB volunteers Total Numbers 43736
Ex-Servicemen Total Numbers 179918	NYKS Total Numbers 3554912	NSS Total Numbers 2581794	NCC Total Numbers 62024
PMKVY - Trained Health	Trained Healthcare Workers	Trained Workers under DDU GKY	Psycho Social Care

15	Karnataka	57648	
16	Kerala	64223	
17	Ladakh	N/A	N/A
18	Lakshadweep	10	
19	Madhya Pradesh	54181	
20	Maharashtra	233322	
21	Manipur	1273	
22	Meghalaya	899	
23	Mizoram	1313	
24	Nagaland	1553	
25	Odisha	32386	
26	Puducherry	1673	