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Press Release

‘Stay Safe Vaccination Drive’ at Eden Gardens

The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) would be holding a Vaccination Camp in association with AMRI Hospital Ltd (AMRI) on 30th of April 2021 at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.

The State Government has accorded its permission to the application made by CAB and AMRI after proper evaluation process including site visit.

“The site has been found to be suitable for conduct of vaccination with all necessary HR and logistical support from AMRI Hospitals Ltd”, stated the letter issued by Mr. Joly Chaudhuri, Joint Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.

“COVID 19 vaccine is our best defence against this virus at the moment. Hence, The Cricket Association of Bengal and its Covid Task Force are making proper arrangements at Eden Gardens with support from AMRI Hospital to ensure 100% of eligible committee members, staffs and CAB groundsmen are able to get vaccinated at the first instance on 30th of April 2021 since IPL matches are scheduled to be held here shortly.

The initiative has been termed as ‘Stay Safe Vaccination Drive’ and the catchline given to it is ‘Help protect yourself and others’ in a bid to encourage the stakeholders to avail the facility of getting vaccinated”, said CAB President Avishek Dalmiya.

“Now as per the rules and guidelines, those who are above the age of 45 are eligible for this camp. However, there would be more such arrangements organised for the Bengal Team players playing at various levels once above 18 year old persons become eligible to get vaccinated after 1st of May 2021. Umpires, Scorers, Observers amongst others would also be provided with an opportunity”, added Mr Dalmiya.



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Mr Rupak Barua, Group CEO, AMRI Hospitals, said, *“At AMRI Hospitals, we have been playing a proactive and leading role in vaccination since 16th January, 2021, day one of the nationwide vaccination drive. As our fight against COVID continues, we have realised that besides wearing a mask, regular washing of hands, and maintaining the norms of social distancing, vaccination is one way that will help in minimising the risk of infection and the severity of the disease. However, even after vaccination, we need to be careful and keep following the same rules to prevent any chance of infection. We are happy to be a part of CAB’s vaccination initiative and we wish all its functionaries, members, players and staff continued safety and well-being.”*

“The Vaccination camp would commence at 11.30 am and would continue till 4 pm on 30th April 2021 at the Conference Rooms adjacent to the Indoor Facility at Eden Gardens near Gate No. 14”, said Snehasish Ganguly, Hony. Secretary, CAB.

“For now, Committee Members, Staffs and Groundsmen are getting vaccinated. In the days ahead, more groups will be added as we get more doses”, added Snehasish.

Highlighting the benefits of the vaccine, Snehasish said, *“COVID - 19 vaccines help in preventing one from getting infected and protect such person from getting severely sick even if they do get it”.*

The CAB also thanks Sri Joly Chaudhuri, Joint Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Dept. of Government of West Bengal for his cooperation in making the drive successful.

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