

Vaccinations pick up in Noida

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NOIDA: In the past 15 days, the number of vaccinations administered per day at Gautam Budh Nagar's Covid vaccination centres (CVCs) for all age groups has almost doubled, with around 7,000 doses being administered daily up to May 14, to over 13,000 from around Thursday onwards.

The total number of vaccinations carried out at government CVCs on May 10 was 4,621, with 2,603 inoculated in the 18-45 category. This is in contrast with the figures of May 29, when the total vaccinations carried out in the district were 14,600, including 11,296 in the 18-45 category.

By May 14, the average per day vaccinations by the Gautam Budh Nagar health department averaged around 6,000-7000 but since then to around Wednesday, the vaccinations went above 10,000 per day. If vaccinations administered at private centres are



A woman getting the vaccine at the District Hospital in Noida. By May 29, the district had 83 vaccination centres. SUNIL GHOSH.HT

taken into account as well then on May 28, a total of 19,206 doses were given in the district, out of which 14,180 were at government centres, according to official data.

Narendra Bhooshan, the nodal officer for Covid-19 in GB Nagar, said, "The vaccinations being carried out at workplace

vaccination centres (WVCs) and camps being held by private hospitals in residential areas are helping increase the inoculation numbers."

Moreover, ever since May 10, when vaccinations for the 18-45 category were started in the district, the health department has added 62 new government

CVCs.

On May 10, the district had 21 centres while on May 29, this figure had increased to 83.

The district has an estimated population of 21 lakh, of which around 15 lakh to 16 lakh people are to be vaccinated. As of Saturday, 5,95,122 people in the district had been vaccinated, which is around 30% of the total targeted population for vaccinations, said Gautam Budh Nagar district magistrate Suhas LY.

"I believe the government centres as well as private ones can easily vaccinate 25,000 people a day, combined. If this goes on at the same pace, within two-three months, we shall be able to cover all of the 18+ population in the district with at least the first dose," said the district magistrate.

Workplace vaccinations gain momentum

Multinational firm UFlex kicked off a vaccination drive Saturday at its headquarters in Sector 62. The drive is set to

cover 6,000 employees of the firm above the age of 18 working in facilities across Noida, including shop-floor workers and contract staff. Doses will be provided free of cost to employees, for which UFlex has tied up with Kailash Hospital in the city. The camps will be set up inside the company premises and plants across different locations. The company plans to complete the vaccination drive by June 5.

Earlier, digital and business solutions firm Tech Mahindra Ltd had also rolled out a vaccination drive for its associates and dependent family members above the age of 18 years at its office campuses at NSEZ in Sector 82. The company is covering the cost of vaccination and has partnered with Fortis Healthcare for the same.

Meanwhile, Felix Hospital in Sector 137 launched a 24x7 vaccination drive-through facility at its hospital on Saturday. Here, beneficiaries will need to book their slot on Co-WIN for ₹900.

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