Deputy Director General, NHSL
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Covishield COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign in Sri Lanka: Reporting of Hospital Admissions after Vaccination

As you may aware the COVID-19 National Vaccination Campaign was commenced on 29th January 2021. By now more than 800,000 people were vaccinated with the first dose of Covishield vaccine. In parallel with the vaccination programme, the reporting of adverse events following immunization (AEFI) has been implemented.

In order to strengthen AEFI reporting mechanism and also not to miss severe forms of adverse events following Covishield immunization, if any, all hospital admissions for any medical reason within the first three weeks after Covishield vaccination should be promptly notified to the Epidemiology Unit by calling Dr Nadeera or Dr Nishani. The contact telephone number is 0113415985. Please note that the routine AEFI notification should continue as usual.

You are kindly requested to bring the contents of this letter to the attention of all Consultants and Medical Officers of your hospital and to ensure that the guidance is strictly followed.

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Director, Private Health Sector Development – Please inform all private hospital authorities to follow the same guidance
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