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MTaI urges govt to include MedTech workforce for COVID-19 vaccination

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Requesting the government to include MedTech workers in the list of beneficiaries of the vaccination drive on priority basis



Medical Technology Association of India (MTaI) urged the government to include MedTech sector workforce in the target list of beneficiaries of COVID-19 vaccination, due to the critical nature of work they do.

Pavan Choudary, Chairman & Director General, MTaI, said, “We are happy to note that more than one crore people have already been vaccinated which includes hospital staff and other frontline workers. It is, however, pertinent to note that MedTech executives are part of frontline team that is battling against the pandemic. These executives visit operation theatres and emergency rooms and other facilities in hospitals daily as part of the procedure and demonstration teams. Due to the nature of their jobs, these frontline MedTech workers may even be more susceptible to contracting the coronavirus than some of the other beneficiary groups chosen for the vaccination drive (eg security staff in hospitals), as they work in environments where the treatment of COVID patients is actually happening.”

“We sincerely hope that the government will consider our request and help us protect them which will allow us to bring the healthcare system fully back on track. Here, it is important to acknowledge that elective surgeries will pick up if MedTech personnel are enabled to work at full capacity. Their inclusion for COVID-19 vaccination will go a long way in rejuvenating the faith and morale of the industry, knowing that the government has rightly recognised their efforts and essential nature of their jobs,” said Sanjay Bhutani, Director, MTaI.