

## **Second phase of Pulse Polio Campaign on 15-4-2012 (Sunday)**

The Department of Public Health has made elaborate arrangements to conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of pulse polio campaign on 15-4-2012. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase was conducted during February 2012 in which 70 lakhs children were given polio drops. All these children will be given 2<sup>nd</sup> dose on 15-4-2012 in addition to the babies born after 1<sup>st</sup> round campaign.

### **Establishment of Special Immunization booths**

Around 40,000 Immunization booths are established in Primary Health Centres, Health Sub Centres, Anganwadi centres, Government Hospitals, Medical College Hospitals, Schools and other important places.

### **Special Arrangements for moving children**

In addition to the regular booths, 1000 numbers of transit booths will be functioning in major Bus stand, Railway station, Airports during the campaign days to cover children on travel. These booths will function 3 days during day and night with shift duty.

### **Mobile teams for remote area**

Around 900 mobile teams have been formed to cover children residing in remote and inaccessible areas.

### **Messages to the Public:**

1. All children in the age group of 0-5 years should be given 2 drops of polio vaccine on 15-4-2012.
2. Even, a child immunized recently under Routine Immunization should be given polio drops.
3. Finger marking is done for confirming vaccination.
4. The booth will function from 7 Am to 5 Pm.

### **Involvement of other Departments**

In this mega campaign, various Government departments including Social Welfare, ICDS, Education Department, Revenue Department, Rural Development, Municipal Administration etc., are involved. Apart from Government Departments, NGO's like Rotary, Indian Medical Association (IMA), Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP), Lions club etc., are also involved. About 2 lakhs personnel are participating in this campaign.

### **Polio free Tamil Nadu**

No polio case in India for the past one year. Tamil Nadu has not reported any polio case for the past 8 years. However, it is very much important to administer polio drops to all children during Pulse Polio Campaign in order to protect children from possible importation of Polio virus from other parts of the Country / World.

All parents are requested to utilize this opportunity and get their children immunized on Pulse Polio Day.

**“Let us assure that our younger generation is free from dreaded Poliomyelitis”.**

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