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## COVID-19

# Vaccination drive to start on Jan 16

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INDIA WILL LAUNCH its Covid-19 vaccination drive on January 16 and priority will be given to nearly three crore healthcare and frontline workers, the government said on Saturday. The decision was taken after PM Narendra Modi reviewed the status of the situation and vaccine preparedness. "After detailed review, it was decided that in view of the forthcoming festivals including Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Magh Bihu, etc, vaccination will start from January 16, 2021," a government statement said.

After healthcare and frontline workers, priority will be given to those above 50 years of age and the under-50 population groups with co-morbidities numbering around 27 crore, it added.