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Nepal has already gained herd immunity since cases are down, so the vaccine is not needed.

This is not correct. We do not know what level of herd immunity is needed to stop transmission of COVID-19. It would be dangerous to depend on herd immunity through natural infection as natural infection carries a real risk of serious diseases and death.

Source: WHO

We all should boycott the vaccine for now until those who took the first dose report that it is safe.

Vaccines in use against COVID-19 are safe and efficacious. The vaccine used in Nepal is already listed by WHO for emergency use. So far, almost 430,000 doses of the vaccine have been administered safely in Nepal. This includes vaccination in health care workers of Nepal. This vaccine is reported to be safe from Nepal and other countries where it is being used.

Source: WHO

Many frontline workers including health workers hesitated and did not participate in vaccination.

It is not true. As per the priority set by the government, 82 per cent among those falling under the first priority have already received the vaccine. The health workers who are currently infected with COVID-19 were not able to take the vaccine due to the infection. They will also receive it after recovering from the infection.

Source: MoHP

The vaccine is tested on poor countries and its people. Everyone is making our country a vaccine trial lab.

This is incorrect. The COVISHIELD vaccine is the same as Astra Zeneca (AZ) vaccine. The AZ vaccine has been approved in UK the EU and is being used in several developed countries like UK and EU countries.

On 15 Feb 2021, WHO listed two versions of the AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use. The vaccines are produced by AstraZeneca-SKBio (Republic of Korea) and the Serum Institute of India (India).

India, Bangladesh and Nepal are also using the COVISHIELD vaccine produced by Serum Institute of India which is the same as the AZ vaccine

Source: WHO

I have already recovered from COVID-19, why would I need to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

All those who have been infected with COVID-19 and recovered should vaccinate themselves against COVID-19 too. According to the World Health Organization, the people who have recovered from Corona Virus infection need to be vaccinated as there is the possibility for re-infection. The vaccine must be administered because it's not certain how long the antibodies produced following the recovery from the infection stay in the body and whether the immune response post infection would be strong enough for subsequent infection. As recommended by the National Immunization Advisory Committee of Nepal, the vaccine should be given at least 4 weeks after recovering from COVID-19.

Source: MoHP

COVISHIELD does not work and has been banned in other countries.

COVISHIELD vaccine reliability is not confirmed.

To our knowledge, COVISHIELD or AZ vaccine has not been banned in any country. The COVISHIELD vaccine is reliable, safe and efficacious.

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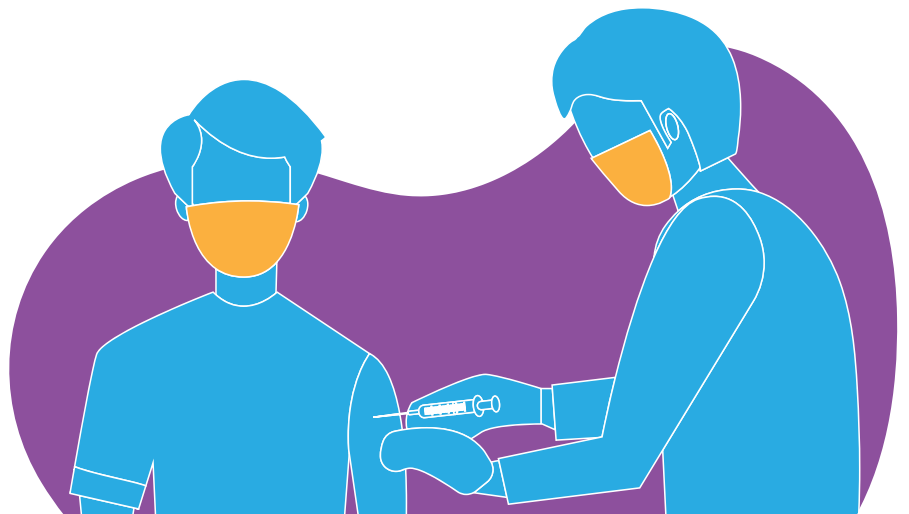
WHO's Emergency Use Listing (EUL) assesses the quality, safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. It also allows countries to expedite their own regulatory approval to import and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

Source: WHO

Local herbal medicine is more effective than COVISHIELD.

There is no scientific evidence that such local medicines are effective against COVID-19.

Source: WHO



Source: Ministry of Health and Population/ World Health Organization

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