


## **B4SA: Weekly Update 16 July 2021**



35 to 49 year olds, register  
for your vaccine now

### **Key highlights from today's newsletter:**

- Message from B4SA Steerco Chair, Martin Kingston
- Details of memorial service for Robert Legh
- Security update: impact of unrest on vaccination sites

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## **A NOTE FROM MARTIN KINGSTON**

**Dear B4SA members and colleagues**

The events of the past week or so in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng are of grave concern and a huge setback to both the country and our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The loss of both lives and livelihoods has been devastating, and the state must take immediate action to end the violence and destruction.

The situation has severe consequences for controlling the pandemic: the risk that superspreading events will result in significant levels of infection and further overburdening of the healthcare system. This is particularly worrying in a setting where access to healthcare has been disrupted, which includes testing for COVID-19, oxygen supplies, and the transport and administration of vaccines.



To this end, B4SA is working closely with Government to protect staff, patients and the medical supplies and property that form part of the vaccination programme. Some vaccination sites that were damaged, or deemed to be at risk have been closed temporarily as a result.

It is now more urgent than ever that we ramp up the vaccine rollout, and remain committed to maintaining and increasing the pace of vaccination, even as we do what we can to assist businesses that have been affected and begin to rebuild. South Africa is fighting more than one battle, and we cannot allow the vaccination programme to be derailed.

The good news is that despite these challenges, we are still managing to vaccinate more than 150,000 people daily, and it is very encouraging that over a million people over the age of 35 registered for vaccination in the first 24 hours of the EVDS opening up to their age group.

**Martin Kingston, Chair, B4SA Steering Committee**

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## B4SA NEWS

### Memorial service for Robert Legh

A virtual memorial service for B4SA founding leader [Robert Legh](#) will be held on Saturday, 17 July at 3pm. Robert died tragically from COVID-19 earlier this month. To connect to the service, click [here](#). The livestream will start at 2.30pm.

### People over 35 now eligible to register for vaccination

On 15 July, the EVDS officially opened to people over 35 to register for their COVID-19 vaccinations, in preparation for vaccinating this cohort from 1 August 2021.07.14

We appeal to all those eligible to register as soon as they possibly can on <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za> and keep their vaccination appointments so that we maintain the momentum that has been built so far.



As always, please assist anyone who is eligible for vaccination and is struggling either to register, or to get to their appointment.

## **Security update: impact of unrest on vaccination sites**

We advise businesses to work with their local community policing forums, security companies, staff, communities and other businesses in the area to assess their risk and work together to secure their sites if they are at risk.

B4SA is working with Government to help assess the situation across the country and to help ensure that vital supplies like oxygen and medicines are escorted safely to hospitals, and to assist where vital supply chains have been affected.

If your business encounters looting or violence, please report it [joc@thedtic.gov.za](mailto:joc@thedtic.gov.za) or call 012 353 9717.

## **Caution about stolen medications and vaccines**

During the riots of the past week, some pharmacies and medical centres have been looted, and their stock has been stolen. Please do not buy any medicines offered for sale by anyone other than registered medical practitioners, pharmacies or hospitals, and report any attempted sale to the SAPS immediately.

Stolen or improperly dispensed medicines are extremely dangerous as they may not have been stored properly, may be contaminated, or may cause dangerous side effects.

# LATEST STATISTICS

## COVID-19 Statistics as at 15 July 2021

### COVID - 19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA

15 July 2021

#	Province	Cases last 14 days	Cases		Deaths		Vaccines(Pfizer + J&J)		Current Hospital Numbers		
			Total	New	Total	New	Total	New	Admitted	ICU	Ventilated
1	Gauteng	137 154	799 454	+7 309	20 485	+263	1 155 469	+44 679	9 063(-145)	1 324(-22)	738(-12)
2	W. Cape	32 134	357 025	+2 901	13 645	+116	744 013	+33 206	2 841(+19)	406(-15)	161(-5)
3	Limpopo	20 131	97 588	+1 434	3 382	+39	571 672	+25 784	745(+10)	58(-3)	41(+7)
4	KZN	17 438	373 285	+490	11 558	+57	960 417	+4 979	1 347(-28)	206(+2)	73(-2)
5	North West	17 325	114 479	+1 515	2 965	+48	245 145	+9 854	1 112(-53)	106(-18)	59(+1)
6	Mpumalanga	14 626	110 378	+1 078	3 098	+38	232 385	+8 884	649(+24)	98(-2)	56(+4)
7	E. Cape	8 892	216 502	+839	12 258	+46	629 195	+29 959	751(+27)	90(+1)	95(-1)
8	Free State	6 681	121 896	+570	5 473	+9	253 361	+11 813	623(+1)	87(-4)	68
9	N. Cape	3 303	62 633	+299	1 490	+15	78 102	+3 308	273(-11)	26	30(-11)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>257 684</b>	<b>2 253 240</b>	<b>16 435</b>	<b>74 354</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>4 869 759</b>	<b>172 466</b>	<b>17404(-156)</b>	<b>2 401(-61)</b>	<b>1 321(-19)</b>

New tests		Tests and positivity for the previous 7 days							Recoveries	
<b>54 998</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	W:56 362	Tu:51 798	M:35 623	Su:53 653	Sa:77 117	F:76 163	Th:75 276	<b>1 982 122</b>	<b>+11 606</b>
		31.0%	24.2%	31.4%	30.4%	28.0%	29.5%	30.4%		

Source: NICD and Department of Health



## HELPFUL LINKS

### NDoH allocation modelling guidance for sites

On July 1, the NDoH published a guidance note for all private sector vaccination sites on allocation modelling to ensure the supply chain works at its best. You can find it [here](#).

### Revised COVID-19 OHS direction for workplaces

The Minister of Employment and Labour gazetted a new, consolidated COVID-19 Direction



on Occupational Health and Safety in the Workplace (Revised OHS Direction) on 11 June 2021. The Revised OHS Direction replaces the Direction that was published on 1 October 2020. [Click here](#) to access a copy.

## **NDoH vaccine price circular**

The Department of Health vaccine price circular can be found [here](#).

## **Reminder: Vaccine appointment scheduling**

Please bear in mind that vaccinees need some warning of their vaccination appointments, to enable them to make the necessary transport and scheduling arrangements.

Official NDoH guidance requires sites to provide vaccinees with at least 72 hours' notice between receiving an SMS and presenting themselves to a vaccination site.

We recommend that all sites revise their schedules to seven days forward to allow vaccinees sufficient time to plan for their appointments and assist in the advance allocation of stock.

## **Vaccine dashboard**

The NDoH's vaccine dashboard can be found at: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/latest-vaccine-statistics/>

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**REGISTER FOR YOUR VACCINATION**

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**Time for iziNkalakatha to get vaccinated!**

**Anyone 35 years and older can register for a free COVID-19 vaccine from the 15<sup>th</sup> July and get vaccinated from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.**

**It is easy to register:** You need your ID, passport, refugee or asylum seeker number, your phone number, date of birth, address, and Medical Aid number if you have one. You do not pay for the vaccinations.

**You can:**

-  Search EVDS online and follow instructions
-  Dial \*134\*832# and reply to the messages

OR

-  Text REGISTER on Whatsapp to 0600 123 456
-  Call the free COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999 (08h00-20h00 Monday – Friday, 08h00-18h00 weekends and public holidays)






## QR Code link to EVDS registration site

The QR code below links directly to the EVDS registration site. Please use it in any print or applicable marketing material to help spread the message.

Users simply need to open the camera app on their mobile phone and point it at the code. A notification will open on the phone taking them directly to the site to register.



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## Vaccines for Health Care Workers (V4HCW)

There have been important changes to the booking process since Sisonke. There are no separate websites to register – it is all on one site: <https://bookings.v4hwc.co.za/vax/>

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## Vaccination Communications Toolkit

The government has released a free Vaccination Communications Toolkit for use by anyone wanting to contribute to the communications efforts against COVID-19, and in support of vaccination and registration.

[Access it here.](#)

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## News reports of interest

The week's news, government announcements and interesting reading:

Afrox implements force majeure, but oxygen delivery is its first priority. <https://www.news24.com/fin24/companies/gas-provider-afrox-forced-to-stop-deliveries-due-to-unrest-20210714>

WC reaches 84% target of teacher vaccinations. <https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/western-cape-education-department-reaches-84-of-its-target-in-vaccinating-teachers-20210714>





Must-read interview with Nicholas Crisp on the health consequences of looting. <https://bhekisisa.org/health-news-south-africa/2021-07-16-half-of-kzn-patients-have-no-chronic-medication-heres-how-looting-affected-sas-covid-vaccine-roll-out/>

Group of 20 scientists working on a single vaccine against all coronaviruses. <https://www.businessinsider.co.za/trending/coronavirus-vaccine-broadly-protective-covid-vaccines-pandemic-cepi-development-2021-7>

Study supporting use of Ivermectin withdrawn amid ethical concerns. [https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/jul/16/huge-study-supporting-ivermectin-as-covid-treatment-withdrawn-over-ethical-concerns?CMP=Share\\_AndroidApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/jul/16/huge-study-supporting-ivermectin-as-covid-treatment-withdrawn-over-ethical-concerns?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other)

## **Interesting/useful sites**

[Covid Comms is producing infographics, which are available for free download Centers for Disease Control, USA](#)  
[INFOGRAPHIC: Coronavirus: the new disease Covid-19 explained](#)  
[Coronavirus in context: a guide to help you understand the pandemic](#)  
[European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#)  
[Lockdowns compared: tracking governments' coronavirus responses](#)

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### CRITICAL LINKS

[www.gov.za](http://www.gov.za)

[www.facebook.com/GovernmentZA](https://www.facebook.com/GovernmentZA)

[twitter.com/GovernmentZA](https://twitter.com/GovernmentZA)

[www.youtube.com/user/GovernmentZA](https://www.youtube.com/user/GovernmentZA)

[sacoronavirus.co.za](http://sacoronavirus.co.za)

[sacoronavirus.co.za/tag/vaccine-toolkits/](http://sacoronavirus.co.za/tag/vaccine-toolkits/)

[twitter.com/COVID\\_19\\_ZA](https://twitter.com/COVID_19_ZA)

[twitter.com/DrZweliMkhize](https://twitter.com/DrZweliMkhize)