


B4SA: Weekly Update 30 July 2021



35 to 49 year olds, register
for your vaccine now

A NOTE FROM MARTIN KINGSTON

Dear B4SA and business colleagues,

You will be aware that the vaccination rollout has ramped up considerably and we are maintaining good numbers week in and week out.

KwaZulu-Natal is mainly back on stream now, and mines and other workplace sites are now coming on board in a significant way. We are on target to be vaccinating more than 300,000 people a day in the near future.

We will be experiencing some constraints in supply over the next two weeks as the additional deliveries of vaccines go through the system. However, we are delighted by the continued co-ordination and high levels of co-operation between the NDOH, business and other social partners, which will maximise the speed and scale of the rollout.

As things stand now, we have addressed most of the initial teething problems, and the correct policies are in place to support an accelerated rollout. We should be celebrating the strength of the partnership between government and civil society for its role in ensuring an efficient, competent rollout of vaccinations to the entire population.

In the meantime, we urge you all to keep encouraging people to get registered and to get their jobs, as well as to help with removing barriers to vaccination in your circles of

influence.

Martin Kingston, Chair, B4SA Steering Committee



B4SA NEWS

Catch up on today's B4SA business briefing

B4SA held a business briefing earlier today, to outline how business is contributing to the vaccine rollout in an unprecedented public-private partnership.

Presentations by B4SA's Martin Kingston, Dr Nicholas Crisp from the NDOH, and Dr Thuthula Balfour of the Minerals Council will be available on the [website](#) soon.



Comprehensive explainer on vaccines

The *Daily Maverick* has put together a [comprehensive explainer](#) about vaccines and how they work, by some of South Africa's top experts. It may be worth sharing on your internal communication channels.

Volunteers for weekend vaccination now required

The Department of Health released a circular this past week saying there is a database of volunteers who can be called on to assist at vaccination sites in various roles, to help with reaching the target of 300,000 people per day.

The Vaccines4HealthCare Workers (V4HCW) platform has provided a registration portal for people – both healthcare workers (HCWs) and non-HCWs – to register as volunteers at vaccine sites. Only HCWs who have completed the Knowledge Hub Vaccinator course or equivalent will be able to give the vaccinations, but anyone can assist in the roles of administration, patient screening, information sharing and marshalling to ensure social distancing is complied with at the sites.

There is currently a large database of volunteers willing to volunteer from all nine provinces, predominantly on weekends. For further information on how to register as a volunteer or to request contact details of volunteers in your area to assist at vaccination sites, please contact Dr Kerry Matthews on kerrylmatthews@gmail.com.

LATEST STATISTICS

COVID-19 Statistics as at 29 July 2021

COVID - 19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA

29 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	56 349	855 814	+3 655	23 591	+281	1 770 598	+53 793	7 155(-183)	1 277(-12)	742(-10)
2	W. Cape	36 617	393 643	+3 968	14 911	+110	1 109 516	+33 098	3 294(-149)	493(+4)	217(-1)
3	KZN	18 068	391 331	+1 900	12 222	+85	1 387 742	+34 846	1 726(+18)	249(+2)	98(-2)
4	Mpumalanga	12 794	123 175	+933	3 485	+29	361 720	+11 161	612(-4)	124(+2)	73(-2)
5	Limpopo	12 784	110 375	+684	3 977	+42	819 529	+29 456	640(-17)	61(+1)	47(-5)
6	North West	12 149	126 630	+698	3 455	+44	372 667	+9 885	987(+38)	116	60(-4)
7	E. Cape	10 116	226 621	+979	12 755	+44	948 361	+24 567	773(+14)	110(+1)	122(+13)
8	Free State	6 202	128 099	+523	5 693	+14	394 612	+13 187	559(-10)	78(-1)	61(+3)
9	N. Cape	3 832	66 463	+411	1 742	+18	133 167	+5 073	218(+5)	20(+2)	16(-1)
TOTAL		168 911	2 422 151	13 751	81 831	667	7 297 912	215 066	15964(-288)	2 528(-1)	1 436(-9)

New tests		Tests and positivity for the previous 7 days							Recoveries	
Total	%	W	Tu	M	Su	Sa	F	Th	Total	New
55 923	24.6%	W:71 061	Tu:36 721	M:23 349	Su:36 569	Sa:49 589	F:52 474	Th:55 981	2 194 762	+7 774
		24.4%	21.2%	24.3%	26.6%	24.3%	26.1%	26.5%		

Source: NICD and Department of Health

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 SA Daily Covid-19 Updates

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/>

REGISTER FOR YOUR VACCINATION



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WWW.BUSINESSFORSA.ORG

Time for iziNkalakatha to get vaccinated!

Anyone 35 years and older can register for a free COVID-19 vaccine from the 15th July and get vaccinated from the 1st 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
- OR**
- 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)

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I CHOOSE Vaccination

STAY SAFE VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

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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.



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/>

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.](#)

News reports of interest

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

Partnership between business and government is at the foundation of the vaccine rollout's success. <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-07-30-public-and-private-sectors-join-forces-to-win-the-covid-19-vaccine-race-against-time/>

Western Cape expecting peak in seven to 10 days: <https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/covid-19-western-cape-expected-to-reach-third-wave-peak-in-7-to-10-days-as-taxi-violence-impacts-testing-20210729>



WC hospitals already under pressure: <https://ewn.co.za/2021/07/29/wc-health-system-operating-at-110-critical-care-as-covid-cases-spike-says-dept>

Zackie Achmat to SAHRC: Vaccines are not always optional: <https://www.news24.com/news24/columnists/guestcolumn/zackie-achmat-the-sahrc-is-wrong-vaccines-are-not-always-optional-20210729>

Discovery Life to load premiums of the unvaccinated: <https://www.news24.com/fin24/companies/discovery-life-will-charge-unvaccinated-people-more-for-new-policies-heres-why-20210729>

Israel first country in the world to offer boosters: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jul/30/israel-to-offer-pfizer-covid-booster-shots-to-people-over-60>

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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We encourage you to please share this mail with your colleagues

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

NICD website:

<http://www.nicd.ac.za>

COVID-19 information website:

<https://sacoronavirus.co.za>

Coronavirus 24-hour Hotline:

0800 029 999

Coronavirus WhatsApp:

060 012 3456

CRITICAL LINKS

www.gov.za

www.facebook.com/GovernmentZA

twitter.com/GovernmentZA

www.youtube.com/user/GovernmentZA

sacoronavirus.co.za

sacoronavirus.co.za/tag/vaccine-toolkits/

twitter.com/COVID_19_ZA

twitter.com/DrZweliMkhize