

## **B4SA: Weekly Update 24 August 2021**



### **A NOTE FROM MARTIN KINGSTON**

Dear B4SA and business colleagues,

We were delighted to see the enthusiasm of the youngest cohort as vaccination opened up for over 18s on Friday. In the first 24 hours, more than half a million people in that group registered for vaccination, and there were queues filled with young people at many vaccination sites.

We know, however, that with each new age group, there is an initial rush of early adopters, and then demand tapers off significantly – a situation both B4SA and the NDoH are acutely aware of.

The biggest risk that we now see is not vaccine support or capacity to vaccinate, but the sustained demand from all of South Africa's adults. We need to move far and fast over the next few months to get 10s of millions of people vaccinated, especially given the prediction of a fourth wave starting before and lasting into the festive season. It is not just about reaching our desired targets so we can protect our lives and livelihoods, but also to chart a course that will allow us to resume our way of life and fully open up the economy as quickly as possible.

A comprehensive Demand Strategy has been developed that will link national and local communications campaigns with district level mobilisation across the country. In this regard



the GCIS is mobilising across the country and working alongside many NGOs to take vaccine information to people district by district, in all our languages and in multiple formats.

In the next few weeks the Solidarity Fund, working with the NDoH, will also launch a major vaccination campaign to drive further public understanding and support for vaccination. Collectively we will aim to increase the perceived value of vaccination, while finding ways to reduce the cost and other barriers to access. Business has an absolutely crucial role to play in supporting demand generation.

We thank you for your efforts in helping to get your employees and other stakeholders vaccinated. Now is the time for employers and brands to start thinking of creative ways to convey the vaccine message, as Game and Wimpy have done, and to reduce any barriers their staff face to getting vaccinated. This could be by partnering with a pharmacy (see the article and briefing below) or by coming up with creative incentives like offering an extra day off for staff who are vaccinated, or simply providing transport to a vaccination site.

We are asking you to please look for any other ways – large or small – in which you can throw your net wider. We need to ramp up our collective efforts so that no one is left behind.

Martin Kingston, Chair, B4SA Steering Committee

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## B4SA NEWS

### **Partnering with community pharmacies for ease of access to vaccination**

Not every employer is able (or qualifies) to set up a workplace vaccination site, but that doesn't mean there aren't options for ensuring all of your employees have ease of access to vaccination.

That was the message from an Independent Community Pharmacy Association (ICPA) presentation at a B4SA webinar held on Friday, where Dr Sham Moodley and Jackie Maimin, current chair and CEO of ICPA respectively, explained to participants how they could partner with community pharmacies.

Businesses who wished to assist their employees to get vaccinated could partner with a community pharmacy nearby and book employees to be jabbed at the primary site, they said.



The advantage of this, is that there is an extensive list of sites across the countries, and they are all well-established vaccination centres whose systems are now well entrenched. They also offer easy access near workplaces and may even be able to do outreach in churches, schools, halls, civic buildings, non-permanent occupational health sites at businesses, or congregate settings such as care homes.

Pharmacy vaccination sites accept eligible people for vaccinations:

- Who have scheduled vaccination appointments from EVDS;
- Via appointments booked by phone, email or WhatsApp;
- Via walk-ins (vaccine supplies and slots permitting);
- Whether vaccinees are insured or uninsured;
- With South African ID documents or passports; and
- At no cost to the recipient.

There are currently 710 pharmacy sites currently vaccinating, with a further 646 in the pipeline. Current site capacity is more than 75,000 shots a day, and when all sites are online, community pharmacies will be able to administer about 135,000 vaccinations daily.

The recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

## **Private sites list updated**

Our list of private vaccination sites has been updated and can be found [here](#).

# LATEST STATISTICS



## COVID-19 Statistics as at 23 August 2021

**COVID - 19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA**  
23 August 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	KZN	42 648	456 693	+2 542	13 587	+103	1 942 530	+28 081	2 394(+27)	273(+3)	114(-6)
2	W. Cape	40 851	468 097	+1 634	17 536	+61	1 726 884	+47 499	3 650(+49)	445(-11)	191(-6)
3	E. Cape	20 343	256 221	+1 286	13 428	+22	1 365 509	+35 691	960(-9)	93(-3)	104(+6)
4	Gauteng	19 248	898 668	+513	26 190	+79	2 727 008	+68 028	4 258(-30)	807(-1)	435(-4)
5	Free State	9 198	142 588	+468	6 150	+12	569 597	+13 149	607(-1)	70(-5)	49(-2)
6	Mpumalanga	8 948	140 630	+367	3 971	+12	528 483	+11 882	438(+3)	99(+1)	51(-1)
7	North West	7 159	140 206	+337	4 010	+14	565 589	+13 358	788(-14)	91(-5)	59(-6)
8	N. Cape	6 303	77 118	+392	1 920	0	207 986	+5 118	204(+1)	31	28(+1)
9	Limpopo	3 735	118 384	+93	4 499	+28	1 156 915	+24 487	328(+1)	35(-1)	20(-2)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>158 433</b>	<b>2 698 605</b>	<b>7 632</b>	<b>91 291</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>10 790 501</b>	<b>247 293</b>	<b>13 537(+27)</b>	<b>1 944(-22)</b>	<b>1 051(-20)</b>

New tests		Tests and positivity for the previous 7 days							Recoveries	
<b>37 789</b>		Su:51 830	Sa:63 830	F:66 380	Th:68 540	W:66 645	Tu:52 267	M:37 891	<b>Total</b>	<b>New</b>
<b>20.2%</b>		20.7%	20.8%	21.6%	19.9%	22.1%	20.4%	21.1%	2 455 998	+11 589

Source: NICD and Department of Health  
 @sugan2503  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](#).

## **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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sacoronavirus.co.za**



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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.



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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 most interesting reading:

The FDA has given the Pfizer vaccine full approval. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-covid-19-vaccine>

AstraZeneca's new Covid antibody therapy reduces risk of infection by





77%: <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/companies/healthcare/2021-08-20-astrazenecas-new-covid-19-antibody-therapy-gives-hope-to-people-who-are-immunocompromised/>

Shabir Madhi agrees with the FDA call on public to stop using Ivermectin: <https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/sa-professor-agrees-with-fda-warning-issued-against-use-of-ivermectin-to-treat-covid-19-in-humans-20210822>

### 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](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](https://sacoronavirus.co.za)

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

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

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