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COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE MANAGERS

**EXPIRY DATE OF COVID-19 VACCINE JANSSEN (JOHNSON & JOHNSON)**

The SARS-COV-2 Recombinant Vaccine manufactured by Janssen Pharmaceutica has been conditionally approved by the South African Health Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) for the active immunisation to prevent Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in individuals 18 years of age and older. In an effort to vaccinate the greatest number of eligible persons in the population, the National Department of Health has procured the vaccine which has been distributed to vaccination sites.

Janssen is conducting ongoing stability studies on the storage conditions of the COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®. The storage stability data has been reviewed by SAHPRA and the storage conditions of the applicable batches (mentioned below) have been extended from 4.5 months to 6 months at 2-8°C as a once-off approval. The expiry date currently does not appear on the label.

**Therefore, the expiry date of the batches # 208A21A and # 209A21A, has been extended until and including the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

Vaccination sites are requested to continue storing these batches of the vaccine between 2-8 °C and to use the product until the new expiry date of 27 September 2021.

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