

## B4SA: Weekly Update 21 September 2021



**EVERYONE over 18 is now eligible for vaccination  
- get your jab today!**

This week's highlights

- Massive vaccination weekend planned
- Interfaith body campaign to vaccinate congregants
- Caution about vaccine passport phishing scam

### A note from Martin Kingston

Dear B4SA and business colleagues,

Last night we reached three milestones in the vaccination numbers with 16 million, or 20% of South Africa's adults fully vaccinated, and just under 30% having received a jab. To get to 70% vaccinated by Christmas, however, we need to vaccinate 17 million more, and NDoH modelling suggests that if we can achieve that, we can save 20,000 lives.

This will require a massive push from all sectors of society, but when we consider how many lives widespread vaccination will save, it will be well worth the effort. It's clear that we must continue to do everything we can to keep the daily vaccination rate up and preferably get it above the 300,000-a-day mark.

The planned #VaxuMzansi initiative by the multi-faith Religious Forum Against COVID-19 is an example for the rest of society: multiple faith leaders will be coming together to

encourage their congregations to vaccinate, and collaborating with pharmacies to do so. We applaud the initiative, and ask those of you who are part of faith communities to actively support the campaign in any way you can.

In addition, the NDoH has planned the first “Vooma Vaccination Weekend” from 1-3 October, with a nationwide call for South Africans from every sector to come together and turn up at vaccination sites in numbers. A variety of events are planned for the day, more details of which will be released in the near future, and we call on all of the private sector sites to participate fully where appropriate to do so.

Martin Kingston, Chair, B4SA Steering Committee



## B4SA NEWS

### **Interfaith body launches vaccination campaign**

The Religious Forum Against COVID-19 will be launching its #VaxuMzansi campaign with a National Vaccine Day on Heritage Day, 24 September.

The campaign aims for religious bodies across the spectrum to vaccinate up to 70% of their congregations and the communities in which they serve, and to play an active role in increasing vaccine uptake.

Participating religious communities across the country will host vaccine information drives and include pop-up sites at select locations, inviting their congregations and communities to vaccinate.

The #VaxuMzansi campaign will use many methods to reach religious communities – from prayer sessions and religious services to encouraging congregants to get the jab in their cultural/ religious/ traditional attire, celebrating diversity while standing in solidarity in the fight against the virus.

### **Vooma Vaccination Weekend loading**

The first Vooma Vaccination Weekend will be happening on 1-3 October, with a national call to action from every sector of South Africa.

Covid-19 compliant events will be held in municipal districts across the country, led by the president, premiers and mayors, who will be joined by sports personalities, musicians and other celebrities to drive a single message: that we can save 20,000 lives if we vaccinate 70% of adults by the end of the year.

To support the drive, vaccination sites across both the private and public sectors will be open on the Friday and Saturday, and members of the public who are as yet unvaccinated will be encouraged to visit their nearest sites and get jabbed.

The NDoH will also be recognising high-performing sites and healthcare workers for their dedication and hard work with a series of awards.



## Vaccine passport phishing scam warning

The Western Cape Department of Health has issued a warning that a phishing scam is doing the rounds related to the “vaccination passport”. Email recipients are informed that their vaccination passports are ready and asked to click on a link to confirm their personal information.

The department issued a circular saying that digital vaccine certificates, aka vaccine passports, are not ready yet, although they may be available from the end of September. Even when they are, however, recipients will not be asked to click on a link to enter personal details.

Anyone in receipt of such an email should delete it.

## Private sector sites list updated

Our most up-to-date list of private sector vaccination sites can be found [here](#).

# LATEST STATISTICS

## COVID-19 Statistics as at 20 September 2021

**COVID - 19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA**



**20 September 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	14 176	507 310	+391	15 028	+50	2 669 725	+18 664	1 464(-63)	212(-11)	109(-8)
2	W. Cape	11 917	506 362	+155	19 525	+15	2 666 184	+22 185	2 245(-10)	313(-12)	129(-5)
3	E. Cape	11 017	288 001	+174	14 602	+10	1 970 128	+18 579	900(-64)	97(-4)	140(-1)
4	Free State	6 373	159 228	+217	6 596	+9	859 651	+9 132	450(-12)	58	47(+3)
5	Gauteng	5 265	914 196	+113	27 192	+15	4 240 180	+43 589	2 397(-109)	437(-11)	223(-6)
6	N. Cape	4 389	88 961	+338	2 144	0	317 158	+2 789	164(-1)	27	24(+2)
7	North West	3 112	148 548	+59	4 324	+6	894 813	+10 945	435(+6)	60(-2)	46(-3)
8	Mpumalanga	2 929	149 948	+43	4 292	+7	900 303	+11 074	245(-6)	63(-2)	39
9	Limpopo	893	121 580	+14	4 733	+5	1 644 745	+17 242	174(-9)	14	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>60 071</b>	<b>2 884 134</b>	<b>1 504</b>	<b>98 436</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>16 162 887</b>	<b>154 199</b>	<b>8 474(-268)</b>	<b>1 281(-42)</b>	<b>766(-18)</b>

New tests		Tests and positivity for the previous 7 days							Recoveries	
<b>21 440</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	Su:30 987	Sa:41 308	F:43 959	Th:45 342	W:48 745	Tu:44 075	M:25 293	<b>Total</b>	<b>New</b>
		7.4%	8.0%	8.3%	9.3%	9.6%	8.4%	10.4%	2 735 340	+2 977

Source: NICD and Department of Health

 @sugan2503  SA Daily Covid-19 Updates

# HELPFUL LINKS

## 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

**STAY  
SAFE**

VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS

18-34YR OLDS

VACCINATE NOW!



**-CHARGED**

**TAKE THE SHOT.  
PROTECT OUR FUTURE.**

WHATSAPP SUPPORT  
0600 123 456  
EMERGENCY NUMBER  
0800 029 999  
[sacoronavirus.co.za](http://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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## B4SA myths document available for your convenience

B4SA has drawn up an extensive document debunking common myths around Covid-19 vaccination, which is available for you to use in your own vaccine communications.

You can access the document [here](#).

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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:

SASCO rejects attempts to enforce mandatory vaccinations for university students: <https://ewn.co.za/2021/09/19/sasco-rejects-any-attempt-to-make-covid-job-compulsory-for-university-students>

EU quietly reaches 70% of total population coverage (it administered 700 m vaccines, and sent the same amount to low-income countries): [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/19/slow-but-steady-has-seen-the-eu-win-out-in-the-vaccine-race?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/19/slow-but-steady-has-seen-the-eu-win-out-in-the-vaccine-race?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

Countries enforcing mandatory vaccines: [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/16/which-countries-enforcing-mandatory-covid-vaccination?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/16/which-countries-enforcing-mandatory-covid-vaccination?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

Scientists study children's unique immune systems as infection amongst this age band increases: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/09/19/health/kids-misc-scientists-study-khn-partner/index.html>

Why understanding the origins of Covid-19 is so important – virologist: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/09/19/health/covid-19-origins-documentary/index.html>

WHO puts a hold on Sputnik V's emergency use application amid manufacturing plant standards issue: <https://www.euronews.com/2021/09/16/sputnik-v-who-suspends-approval-process-for-covid-vaccine-due-to-manufacturing-concerns>

France suspends 3,000 HCWs because they refuse vaccination: [https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-09-16-france-suspends-3000-health-staff-as-europe-targets-vaccine-refusal/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Afternoon%20Thing%20Thursday%2016%20September%20JB&utm\\_content=Afternoon%20Thing%20Thursday%2016%20September%20JB+CID\\_f04337b0a605aeff1f0d12c002fd44ae&utm\\_source=TouchBasePro&utm\\_ter](https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-09-16-france-suspends-3000-health-staff-as-europe-targets-vaccine-refusal/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Afternoon%20Thing%20Thursday%2016%20September%20JB&utm_content=Afternoon%20Thing%20Thursday%2016%20September%20JB+CID_f04337b0a605aeff1f0d12c002fd44ae&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_ter)





[m=France%20suspends%203000%20anti-vax%20health%20staff](#)

Gauteng wants to vaccinate 10 million people by year

end: <https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/gauteng-takes-vaccination-drive-to-peoples-doorsteps-20210917>

Business advocates for mandatory vaccines: <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-09-16-no-jab-no-job-big-business-pushes-for-mandatory-covid-19-vaccinations-in-the-workplace/>

Italy first EU country to enforce vaccine passports for both public and private sectors: <https://news.sky.com/story/covid-19-italy-makes-vaccine-passport-compulsory-workers-can-be-fined-and-suspended-without-pay-12410130>

China vaccinates 1bn of its population (71% of overall pop): <https://ewn.co.za/2021/09/16/china-fully-vaccinates-more-than-1-billion-people>

### **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)

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

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