

B4SA: Weekly Update 28 September 2021



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

This week's highlights

- Order site signage for Vooma Vaccination Weekend
- New platform shares site info in real-time

A note from Martin Kingston

Dear B4SA and business colleagues,

We are concerned that daily vaccination numbers have been dropping off. We have sufficient vaccination supply and capacity to vaccinate in excess of 300,000 people a day, but the past week or two have seen our numbers falling well below that target.

There are a number of factors constraining take-up: lack of trust and lack of access are just two such factors, and we also know that different sections of society trust different authority figures, and find different arguments persuasive. Solving for these, and generating demand, therefore, requires a multi-pronged approach.

We know that South African leaders and institutions widely support vaccination, but many people are unaware of this, and that an effective demand strategy must mobilise social partners – government and politicians, labour, business, faith-based organisations, traditional authorities, and civil society – to create practical partnerships at all levels.

For this we need clear, public leadership to set the tone for society and their respective institutions: no single entity can do this alone. Every major constituency needs to see that “all of society” supports vaccination, and that getting a vaccination is not only a normal, accepted practice – but an important responsibility for the good of everyone in our country.

We urge you therefore, to be vocal in your support of vaccination, and the vaccination rollout. This past weekend’s initiative by the religious community shows what can be done, and events like the upcoming Vooma Vaccination Weekend are another tool in our arsenal – approximately 1,000 private sites will be open to employees and the public on Friday, and well over 500 private sector vaccination sites will be open, in all nine provinces, across the high-risk districts identified by the Department of Health.

Please consider how you can support these kinds of drives, and add your own, so that we can reach the goal of vaccinating at least 70% of the adult population by December, and in so doing, save 20,000 lives.

Martin Kingston, Chair, B4SA Steering Committee



B4SA NEWS

Order signage for your vaccine site for Vooma Vaccination Weekend

The first Vooma Vaccination Weekend will be happening this coming weekend, as part of the strategy to accelerate demand for vaccination. The Department of Health's modellers have calculated that if we can vaccinate 70% of adults by the end of December, we will save an estimated 20,000 lives.

More than 500 private sector sites will be opening on Saturday. Please keep an eye on our daily updates and/or website, where we will share a link to the list as soon as we have it. Sites can order signage from the Demand Acceleration Task Team [here](#), and are urged to do so as soon as possible to ensure they receive their materials in time for the weekend.



New platform aims to update vaccine site info in real-time

A new webapp, KnoNow, helps users to check vaccination sites closest to them, see waiting times and find out what type of vaccine is available at a particular site. Simply put, it's Waze for vaccine sites.

KnoNow is a community driven platform and relies on information that users submit. This means that if site visitors and medical staff at sites take 20-30 seconds to update the platform, it helps other users to know what's happening at that site and plan their visits accordingly.

Check out www.knownow.co.za for more information.

Need comms?



Getting back to work

For many people, working at home during lockdowns meant working flexible hours and being able to spend quality time with the family. Many companies will continue allowing their people to work from home, while others will want their employees to return to their offices.

There is no doubt however that many will be glad to go back to work and meet up with fellow workers they have not seen for some time.

Getting to workplaces safely

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Millions of South Africans make use of road and rail transport to get to work and back. For many, this involves queueing and using vehicles, buses and train carriages that can be crowded.
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To avoid risking exposure to COVID-19 or possible infection, make sure that you practise social distancing, wear a mask and carry a personal supply of sanitiser along your journey.
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One of the most effective and easiest ways of avoiding possible infection is to try and travel before or after traditional rush hours. Taxis, buses and trains will be less crowded and travel is safer and more enjoyable.

www.solidarityfund.co.za

The Solidarity Fund has a wide variety of communications toolkits available for download on their information hub, in most of South Africa's languages. You will find more examples [here](#).

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 27 September 2021

COVID - 19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA
27 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	8 436	510 463	+126	15 310	+42	2 781 262	+18 227	1 157(-58)	188(-9)	89(-8)
2	W. Cape	6 974	508 807	+92	19 689	+16	2 797 405	+26 713	1 942(-15)	257(-6)	96(-4)
3	E. Cape	5 715	289 801	+50	14 765	+24	2 060 851	+18 050	574(-90)	74(-2)	45(-31)
4	Free State	4 237	160 765	+86	6 677	+20	911 375	+10 368	313(-11)	45(+3)	32(+2)
5	Gauteng	3 722	915 717	+108	27 260	+23	4 474 099	+45 845	2 144(-58)	388(-13)	195(-6)
6	N. Cape	3 554	90 307	+35	2 184	+14	334 244	+2 668	122(-1)	18(-2)	14(-6)
7	North West	1 975	149 229	+48	4 352	+4	962 106	+12 063	369(+6)	59(+1)	41
8	Mpumalanga	1 813	150 671	+24	4 336	+5	956 929	+9 911	193(-3)	52(+1)	32(+2)
9	Limpopo	454	121 761	+9	4 775	+6	1 721 451	+15 887	117(-11)	5	3
TOTAL		36 880	2 897 521	578	99 348	154	16 999 722	159 732	6 931(-241)	1 086(-27)	547(-51)

New tests		Tests and positivity for the previous 7 days							Recoveries	
15 350	Su:19 160	Sa:24 756	F:35 316	Th:40 660	W:42 579	Tu:35 819	M:21 440	Total	New	
3.8%	5.0%	6.6%	6.4%	6.8%	7.0%	6.1%	7.0%	2 762 812	+2 719	

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/>

REGISTER FOR YOUR VACCINATION



STAY SAFE
VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA
TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS

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

**18-34YR OLDS
VACCINATE NOW!**

WHATSAPP SUPPORT
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EMERGENCY NUMBER
0800 029 999
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.



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](#).

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 most interesting reading:

Lockdown to be reviewed on 3 October: <https://www.businessinsider.co.za/trending/level-2-lockdown-review-now-set-for-3-october-after-26-september-deadline-missed-2021-9>

Concern over low vaccination rate of +50s: <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-09-27-south-africa-must-vaccinate-more-vulnerable-older-people-after-experts-warn-of-a-possible-fourth-wave/>

US study shows vaccinated pregnant women pass protection on to baby: <https://www.news24.com/health24/medical/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/more-evidence-that-pregnant-women-who-receive-covid-vaccine-pass-on-protection-to-their-newborns-20210928-2>

UK to use SA data in its next red list evaluation (estimated in next two weeks): <https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/uk-to-use-sa-data-and-input-when-reviewing-status-on-covid-19-travel-red-list-20210928>

Experts on managing the pandemic: <https://theconversation.com/we-cant-banish-covid-19-but-we-can-end-the-pandemic-with-vaccinations-168294>

US Expert: The Israeli example makes a significant case for booster shots: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/sep/27/data-israel-covid-booster-shots-standard>

Madhi warns against election super-spreader risk: https://mybroadband.co.za/news/government/415816-fourth-wave-covid-19-warning-for-south-africa.html?utm_source=everlytic&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=busesstech

Today, a team of SA scientists will meet with a UK delegation to discuss SA's status on UK red list: <https://businesstech.co.za/news/lifestyle/523940/governments-plan-to-get-south-africa-taken-off-the-uks-red-list>



[report/?utm_source=everlytic&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=businesstech](#)

CCSSA and SASA warn of use of and indemnity related risks for health professionals dispensing Ivermectin: <https://www.medicalbrief.co.za/warning-from-ccssa-and-sasa-on-vaccinations-and-ivermectin/>

SA's ability to develop vaccines will depend on investment in expertise, infrastructure: <https://theconversation.com/want-to-develop-vaccines-in-africa-then-invest-in-expertise-and-infrastructure-167660>

Shortage of J&J vaccines hampering vaccination programme: <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/2021-09-26-shortage-of-jj-vaccines-hampers-sas-vaccination-drive/>

Vaccine train administers just under 1,000 vaccinations during its first stop in Swartkops: <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/article254519402.html>

WC sees declining demand for vaccines: <https://ewn.co.za/2021/09/26/wc-health-department-says-it-sees-a-decline-in-demand-for-covid-jab>

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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