



B4SA: Weekly Update 28 May 2021

You will undoubtedly have followed developments over the past few days related to the South African COVID-19 vaccine acquisition and rollout programme. Colleagues will be aware that we established the B4SA vaccine platform to provide up-to-date information on bilateral and multilateral engagements with government, hopefully enabling businesses to respond to the latest news.

Dear B4SA and business colleagues,

Phase 2 of the vaccination rollout targeting over 60s is proceeding. There is still a lot of work to be done. Vaccination sites are operating throughout the country, including hospitals, pharmacies, clinics and medical practices, occupational health and safety sites across many sectors, and larger facilities.

There have been supply constraints, and the number of private-sector vaccination sites has temporarily been scaled back. In consultation with the private sector, vaccines are allocated by the National Department of Health to ensure supplies are fairly distributed. We are currently operating in a vaccine-constrained environment but anticipate supply will improve in the coming months, increasing vaccination capacity across public and private sectors.

We continue to ask for your support and co-operation. Everyone needs to get registered on the government EVDS platform, help others register, and get vaccinated when directed to do so.

My thanks to Cas Coovadia [posting a video](#) after being vaccinated— “a painless, organised and efficient experience”—and calling on all those over 60 to register and get the vaccination.

Here is the link to register—[here is the link](#).

Stay safe—register if you are over 60, and tell and help others do the same.

Martin Kingston, Chairman, B4SA Steering Committee



B4SA thanks business for registering as primary workplace vaccination sites

B4SA thanks and applauds all businesses registered as a primary workplace vaccination site through the Master Facility List (MFL) process set up by the NDoH. It will certainly assist not only their employees, but all others able to be accommodated by those sites. This will also help the national effort by relieving pressure on the other public and private sector vaccination sites.

Please note, however, that MFL registration will not necessarily mean an immediate start as a vaccination site. Vaccination sites will be rolled out over time as vaccine supplies increase. B4SA and the NDoH are preparing further guidance on this process, which will be published on the B4SA website and shared with the business community in due course.

For those who have started the process, we are working through the list. Based on the information provided, we are beginning with those who can handle the Pfizer vaccine to be made operational as soon as possible. The high-level process to operationalise a site is as follows:

High level process to operationalise a vaccination site



THE IMPACT

As of 27 May, the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases identified in South Africa is 1 649 977.

The total number of deaths stands at 61 093.

COVID - 19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA

27 May 2021

#	Province	Cases last 14 days	Cases		Deaths		Recoveries		Current Hospital Numbers		
			Total	New	Total	New	Total	New	Admitted	ICU	Ventilated
1	Gauteng	18 779	450 377	+2 011	13 917	+31	424 933	+500	2 262(+77)	548(+13)	216(+11)
2	Free State	6 127	99 517	+583	4 280	+17	87 755	+264	656(-10)	81(-11)	98(+5)
3	N. Cape	5 859	49 046	+430	1 046	0	40 329	+132	324(-5)	38(-3)	52
4	North West	4 663	74 706	+463	2 061	+16	67 039	0	487(-4)	60	42
5	W. Cape	3 588	292 601	+373	11 789	+15	277 632	+361	837(+14)	123(-2)	36(+1)
6	Mpumalanga	2 287	81 806	+220	2 565	+4	78 668	+55	178(-6)	53(+1)	29(+1)
7	KZN	1 648	339 376	+135	11 045	+2	324 656	+105	433(+14)	62(+4)	28(-2)
8	E. Cape	1 012	197 462	+129	11 657	+1	185 045	+34	107(-2)	13	4
9	Limpopo	762	65 086	+78	2 733	+6	62 035	+58	77(+7)	8	9(+1)
TOTAL		44 725	1 649 977	4 422	61 093	92	1 548 092	1 509	5 361(+85)	986(+2)	514(+17)
New tests		Tests and positivity for the previous 7 days							Vaccines		
43 442		W:45 877	Tu:28 026	M:23 352	Su:29 355	Sa:43 755	F:34 903	Th:39 612	Brand	Total	New
10.2%		10.1%	11.0%	10.2%	9.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.2%	Pfizer (1st)	348 436	+66 301
									J&J (Trial)	479 768	0

Source: NICD and Department of Health



Total vaccinations: 828 204 (as of 27 May 2021)

[More statistics here](#)

[And here](#)



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Your Guide to the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS)

citizens aged 60 years and above need to register for their COVID-19 vaccination through the EVDS self enrolment platform

6 steps to register for vaccination if you are 60 years or older:

STEP 1



Make sure you have internet access

STEP 2



You will need a smartphone, a tablet or a computer

STEP 3



Connect to the internet and go to

<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>

STEP 4



The welcome screen will tell you what to do next.

STEP 5



Follow the instructions Put in all the details the system asks for

STEP 6



When you are done the system will send an SMS to the phone number you provided. This SMS will tell you that you are registered. This means that the system now has you in the queue.

When it is your turn to be vaccinated, the system will send you another SMS with a date and the venue for your vaccination.

If you put in the correct address, you will be sent to the vaccination centre that is closest to your home

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Should you encounter problems during the registration process contact the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999



REGISTER FOR YOUR VACCINATION

<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za>



Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinate People

The USA Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released an update [dated 13 May 2021] regarding key points around fully vaccinated people.

For further reading [click here](#).

Registration and your medical aid

Medical aids MUST communicate to their membership that they have to register on the EVDS platform. Registering on your medical aid portal is not enough. You must register on the [EVDS portal](#) as well.

[Celebrities challenged to join fight against COVID-19](#)

As South Africa continues to see an increase in new cases, celebrities and social media influencers have been challenged to step in and join government in the fight against COVID-19. This was among the suggestions raised during an interactive conversation with South African youth held on Wednesday. Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) led the virtual session under the theme: “SA Youth’s Facts on Vaccination: A shared Responsibility”.

Covid Comms – An additional information source

Covid Comms is a network of volunteer communications professionals who, since March 2020, have endeavoured to “take government’s heavily scientific messaging, communicated primarily in English, and make it available to the public in plain language, in vernacular, in formats that were easy to distribute across platforms like WhatsApp and Facebook”.

It is currently producing infographics, which will soon be available for free download on www.covidcomms.org.za along with its existing body of 150 infographics and a number of animated videos and 20 new videos/audio files in six official languages.



Vaccination Toolkit

The government has released a free Vaccination Communications Toolkit for use by all interested parties wanting to contribute to the communications efforts against COVID-19 and in support of vaccination and registration.

[Access it here.](#)

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.



News reports of interest

The weeks news, government announcements and interesting reading:

Top Stories

[Dr Nicholas Crisp speaks to Daily Maverick about the EVDS, clarifies abuse and walk-ins](#)

[SA oxygen supply could be an issue](#) A study by Every Breath Counts Coalition, the NGO Path and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) researched countries most at risk of running out of oxygen. Nineteen countries around the world – including India, Argentina, Iran, Nepal, the Philippines, Malaysia, Pakistan, Costa Rica, Ecuador and South Africa—are deemed most at risk after recording huge increases in demand since March—at least a 20% rise—while having vaccinated less than 20% of their populations.

[Guidance for medical aid members](#)

[Last 1000 J&J Sisonke doses will go to Olympic and other athletes](#)



[Health24 speaks to Prof Mosa Moshabela](#) of UKZN, who answers questions on taking vaccines when infected.

[Concern that COVAX Pfizer doses acquired for R280m may not arrive in SA by June](#)

[Interesting article on breakthrough infections](#), with research from Public Health England showing that those who have taken the Pfizer/AZ vaccine are 40-60% less likely to onward infect others. Research from Israel also shows that the level of virus present in those vaccinated is less than those who are not.

[Messages focusing on personal choice rather than moral obligations receive a more positive response on social media](#)

Nick Spaull, Mark Tomlinson, Xanthe Hunt (SU) and Dan Stein (UCT) wrote an editorial for the latest edition of the South African Medical Journal (SAMJ) titled:

[Hunger as a driver of depressive symptoms: Optimising responses to mental health aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

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OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ON COVID-19

All official government regulations and guidelines are available at <https://www.gov.za/coronavirus/guidelines>

OFFICIAL 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

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

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