

WPE HANDOUT: NATIONAL VACCINATION ROLLOUT



1. Introduce the topic:

- Vaccines are an important part of stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our country.
- The South African Government hopes to vaccinate 41 million adults by the end of February 2022. That is equal to 67% of our population, the minimum required to achieve herd immunity.



2. Top five things you need to know:

1. The South African Government has developed a 3-phase rollout to ensure the most vulnerable in our population get vaccinated first:

Phase 1: February 2021: all frontline healthcare workers
Phase 2: May 2021: essential workers (like the police and prison guards), persons in congregate settings (like prisons and care homes), persons over 60 years, persons over 18 years with co-morbidities – around 17.3 million people.

About 16 million, or more than a quarter of our population, are thought to suffer co-morbidities. Among half are people living with HIV/AIDS, while the remainder have chronic conditions, such as TB, diabetes, obesity, cancer, hypertension, high cholesterol and lung ailments, including silicosis from working on South Africa's gold mines.

Phase 3: November 2021: Everyone else over the age of 18
2. Vaccines will be administered at public and private vaccination centres throughout the country.
3. All South Africans who want to be vaccinated against COVID-19 must register on the national Electronic Vaccination Data System as they become eligible.
4. If you're a healthcare worker or over 60, you can register now.
5. You will find the national vaccination register at:
 - vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za
 - WhatsApp 'Register' to: 0600 123 456
 - USSD: *134*832#



3. Points to discuss with the group:

- How do you plan to access the national vaccination register so that you can register for a vaccination?
- How will you explain herd immunity to your family?