

WPE HANDOUT: NATIONAL VACCINATION PROCESS



1. Introduce the topic:

- Vaccines are an important part of stopping the spread of COVID-19 in a country. South Africa is aiming to vaccinate 67% of its population to achieve herd immunity.
- The National Health Department will coordinate the vaccine rollout with provincial health departments and the private healthcare sector.
- Distribution of vaccine is targeted at protecting the most vulnerable first.



2. Top ten things you need to know:

1. In order to get a COVID-19 vaccine, everyone has to register on the National Department of Health's Electronic Vaccination Data System. At some stage you will be able to register in person at vaccination sites, but details of how this will work have not been confirmed.
2. Once you have completed your CareWorks health assessment, Dr M and her team will let you know when it is your turn to register. You will not be allowed to register until it is your turn to do so.
3. You can register:
 - Online at vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za
 - Using WhatsApp by sending "register" to 0600 123 456
 - Using the short code: *134*832#
4. In order to register, you need your ID/passport number, medical aid details (if you are insured), cell number and home or work address.
5. You will receive an SMS confirming your registration.
6. You will receive an SMS with a unique code, an appointment date and vaccination site when it is your turn to be vaccinated.
7. You must take your ID/passport, proof of medical aid and your unique SMS code to your appointment.
8. You will receive counselling before you are vaccinated, and you will receive a second SMS when it is time to have your second dose of vaccine.
9. After your second dose, you will be able to access an electronic vaccination certificate to prove you have been vaccinated.
10. Dr M and her team at CareWorks are available to help you at every step of the process.



3. Points to discuss with the group:

- During which phase are you eligible to register for the COVID-19 vaccine?
- Have you completed your CareWorks health assessment so that Dr M and her team can help you with registration?