



## SAPC e-Note: VACCINATION OF FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Dear Pharmacy Professional/Stakeholder,

The National Department of Health (NDoH) plans to vaccinate 67-70% of the South African population against COVID-19 from May 2021. The vaccination is aimed at breaking the cycle of COVID-19 transmission and to achieve “herd immunity”. Approximately 40 million people need to be vaccinated over a period of 12 months. The South African population will be vaccinated in three (3) phases. The phases are follows:

1. Phase 1 includes frontline health care workers (HCW), with a target of 1 250 000 people.
2. Phase 2 includes the following population:
  - Essential workers. Target population: 2 500 000
  - Persons in congregate settings. Target population: 1 100 000
  - Persons >60 years. Target population: 5 000 000
  - Persons >18 years with co-morbidities. Target population: 8 000 000
3. Phase 3 will involve other persons >18 years, with a target population of 22 500 000.

### How to register to be vaccinated

As frontline workers, pharmacists, pharmacy support personnel (PSP) and pharmacy nurses should ensure that they self-register on the NDoH Electronic Vaccine Data System (EVDS) in order to be eligible to be immunised in the first phase of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout programme. Click on this link to register: <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/>. The digital enrolment form requires the following personal details:

- Name and surname
- Date of birth and ID number
- Gender
- SAPC P number
- Medical Scheme details
- Email address
- Cellphone number (this will be the primary mode of communication)
- Employment details and registration number

Once the enrolment form has been submitted and approved, pharmacists and PSP will receive an SMS from the NDoH, confirming that the registration has been received. Once pharmacy personnel become eligible for vaccination they will receive further instructions via SMS including the details of the vaccination facility and date and time of the appointment. The confirmation will serve as a unique vaccination code or voucher which must be used to verify the appointment. Pharmacists and PSP will need to do the following:

- produce the SMS showing their unique confirmation code, medical aid card (if the applicant is insured) and identity document on arrival at the vaccination site. The vaccination code, will serve as proof to the vaccinator that you are eligible to receive the vaccine.
- Complete consent form.

Vaccines will only be administered once you have complied with all the above requirements. If you are administered a vaccine that requires a second dose, your details will be updated on EVDS and a new appointment for the second dose will be booked. Once the second dose has been administered you will receive an electronic vaccination certificate.

The NDoH is responsible for the scheduling and rollout of vaccines to health care workers; as such, all enquiries relating to this process should be directed to the NDoH at [evds.hcwsselfregistration@health.gov.za](mailto:evds.hcwsselfregistration@health.gov.za)

Yours faithfully,

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