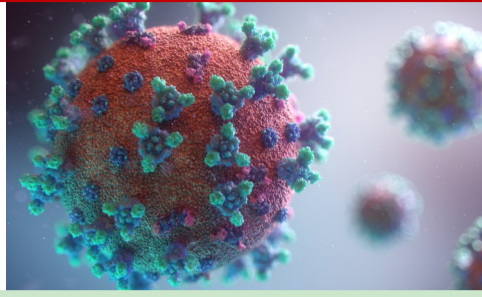




# NEWS ALERT

## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE 26 NOVEMBER 2021 EXTRA



New COVID variant under investigation

### *HOT OFF THE PRESS:*



A new COVID variant B.1.1.529 has been detected in South Africa. The full implications have yet to be determined, and scientists at the Network for Genomic Surveillance in South Africa (NGS-SA) are studying the variant to better understand it.



International reaction to this discovery has been quick, and travel bans for travellers from South Africa are already in place for the UK, European Union, Israel, Singapore and Mauritius.



This latest variant is the most heavily mutated version discovered so far, and the chief concern is the impact these mutations will have on transmissibility, disease severity and immune evasion (natural and vaccine induced).



While we investigate the full significance of the new variant, COVID safety protocols remain important tools to protect us against transmission, and vaccines an important protection against severe disease.



The Delta variant is still a dominant variant in South Africa. Vaccination therefore remains critical to protect those in our communities at high risk of hospitalisation and death, to reduce strain on the health system, and to help slow transmission.



We will continue to update you on the new variant as we learn more about it.

If you are 12 years or older, register and get vaccinated:  
[vaccine.enroll.gov.za](https://vaccine.enroll.gov.za)

WhatsApp REGISTER to: 0600 123 456

Free SMS: \*134\*832#

Call 0860 142 142 weekdays 8AM–8PM

In person at a vaccination site

Until everyone has been fully vaccinated, it is important to protect those around you by adhering strictly to COVID-19 safety protocols:



Wear a mask



Sanitise your hands regularly



Maintain social distancing

CareWorks Contact Centre: 0800 24 36 72

Weekdays: 8AM to 5PM and Weekends: 8AM to 1PM

WhatsApp: 082 735 4472