



NEWS ALERT

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE 21 JANUARY 2022



Reduce your chance of severe disease to less than 10% with a COVID-19 booster vaccination

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Data from South Africa and around the world has shown that people who have had the COVID-19 vaccination booster dose have reduced their risk of developing severe COVID-19 related illness to less than 10% compared to those who have not had their booster shot.



Booster vaccinations are available to all people who received the J&J vaccine two or more months ago; and to all people who received their second Pfizer dose at least six months ago.



Almost 46% of the adult population in South Africa has been fully vaccinated. Although this falls short of the NDoH's target of 70% by the end of 2021, 65% of people older than 60 have received a vaccine. This is important as they are seen as the most vulnerable portion of the population when it comes to COVID-19.



Safe and effective vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19, but being vaccinated does not mean that we can throw caution to the wind and put ourselves and others at risk. For the foreseeable future we must continue wearing masks, cleaning our hands, ensuring good ventilation indoors, physically distancing and avoiding crowds.



You do not have to wait for a booster SMS reminder; you can go to a vaccination site without it. To find your most convenient site, visit <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/active-vaccination-sites/>

If you are 12 years or older, register and get vaccinated:
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

