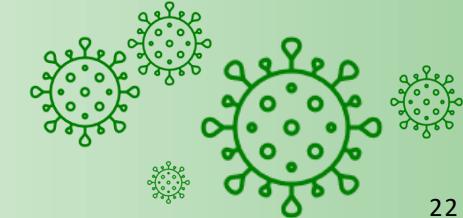




COVID CORNER

Exploring the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on our lives



22 April 2022

Long Life for All

24—30 APRIL IS AFRICAN VACCINATION WEEK

Why dedicate a week to vaccinations?

African Vaccination Week is used to highlight the importance of vaccines in saving lives; and to increase vaccination coverage to prevent disease outbreaks.

Why are vaccines celebrated?

Vaccines are one of the greatest scientific innovations of all time. Vaccines have been saving lives since 1798 when the first Smallpox vaccine was created.

Hundreds of vaccines have now been created, and have proven to prevent between 2—3 million deaths every year in a safe and cost-effective manner.

In the last 30 years, vaccines have helped halve child deaths globally.

Vaccinated communities are healthy communities!

Vaccination is one of the most successful and cost effective health interventions available. Today, vaccines protect us against over 20 diseases, from pneumonia, influenza, meningitis and cancers to Ebola and COVID-19.

How do vaccines work?

Most vaccines contain a weakened or dead form of a virus or bacterium, or a small part of the virus or bacterium that cannot cause disease.

When you get the vaccine, it stimulates a response from your immune system to kill that virus or bacterium. When you come into contact with the actual virus or bacterium, your immune system remembers how to kill it and prevent the disease that it causes before you become very ill.

This also stops the disease before it can spread to other people, so it protects both you and your community.

Do COVID-19 vaccines work?

The COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved for use in South Africa are proven to be safe, and have shown to be almost 100% effective in protecting you against severe illness, hospitalisation and death from COVID-19.



Fast Facts

- Vaccination is one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions available
- Vaccines protect us against over 20 diseases, and prevent between 2—3 million deaths around the world every year
- By stopping a disease before it can make you very ill, vaccines also stop you from spreading that disease to others
- Our COVID-19 vaccines are both safe and effective

Protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19 with the two Vs:



Vaccination



Ventilation

Want to find out more?

How vaccines work:

<https://www.immunology.org/celebrate-vaccines/public-engagement/guide-childhood-vaccinations/how-vaccines-work>

Vaccination facts:

https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1

Do COVID-19 vaccines work?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/work.html>

COVID-19 vaccines in South Africa:

<https://www.gov.za/covid-19/vaccine/vaccine>

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