



THE BIG QUESTION:

WHEN CAN I GET MY COVID-19 VACCINE?

Vaccination is a priority in the fight to end COVID-19

Vaccines are an important part of stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our country. They offer protection to individuals by reducing their risk of infection or by reducing the severity of their symptoms.



Vaccines also protect us at a population level. This is referred to as herd immunity, where most people in a population have been vaccinated so that they are immune to the disease.

It means the disease cannot spread very easily, so people who cannot be vaccinated are also protected.

People who want to receive a vaccine must register on the national vaccination register: vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za

OR WhatsApp 'Register' to 0600 123 456

OR USSD *134*832#

The South African Government has developed a 3-phase rollout to ensure the most vulnerable in our population get vaccinated first:

If you're a healthcare worker, or over 60, you can register now!

Phase 1: February 2021

All frontline healthcare workers

Phase 2: May 2021

Essential workers (like the police and prison guards), persons in congregate settings (like prisons and care homes), persons over 60 years, persons over 18 years with co-morbidities – around 17.3 million people.

About 16 million, or more than a quarter of our population, are thought to suffer co-morbidities like HIV/AIDS, TB, diabetes, obesity, cancer, hypertension, high cholesterol and lung ailments, including silicosis from working on South Africa's gold mines.

Phase 3: November 2021

Everyone else over the age of 18.

The South African Government hopes to vaccinate 41 million adults by the end of February 2022. That is equal to 67% of our population, the minimum required to achieve herd immunity.



Here is a fascinating graphic of how herd immunity works:

[How Herd Immunity Works](#)

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