

Statement from HASA in collaboration with B4SA Hospital and Service Workstream - 18 March 2021

Amendments to private rollout of the Sisonke J&J vaccine programme

The rollout of round three of the Sisonke vaccination programme to private healthcare workers covering the two weeks from 15 March 2021 to 29 March 2021, is proceeding as follows:

- From the private sector allocation of vaccine doses 75% is going to in-hospital healthcare workers and 25% to out of hospital healthcare workers.
- Most of the private hospital vaccination sites previously announced continue to operate, however, please note:
 - o Two new private hospital sites are added for this week beginning 15 March;
 - o Some hospitals have been closed as vaccination sites and similarly for the week beginning 23 March – see the tables below for vaccination sites for private healthcare workers for each period.
- In the second round of vaccinations, the private hospital vaccinations allocation accommodated a limited number of vaccine doses for identified facilities per province that were closest to identified private vaccination sites. In this third round, hospital groups are receiving an allocation per province to distribute across their respective facilities to ensure vaccine doses are available over a greater geographic area while simultaneously observing the requirement for proximity to research facilities.

Private acute hospitals continue to observe eligibility on a risk-stratified basis to ensure that the prioritisation of healthcare workers occurs according to the ethical principles of maximum benefit, equal consideration, fairness, and transparency. Healthcare workers are being prioritized in the order following:

1. **Very high risk patient facing staff** i.e. EMS, EDs, ICUs and theatres (places where Aerosol generating procedures are often performed i.e. intubations, open suction, bronchoscopies, CPR), dentists, pathology staff in such units, physiotherapists, etc.
2. **High risk patient facing staff** i.e. all other specialties.
3. **Lower risk patient facing staff** i.e. psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation and step down facilities, occupational health medical practitioners.
4. **Administrative staff in clinical but non-patient facing areas** i.e. financial management.
5. **Administrative staff in non-clinical non-patient facing areas** i.e. call centres, regional/head office.

The South African Private Practitioner's Forum, South African Medical Association, and the KwaZulu-Natal Specialist Network are managing the registration of out of hospital vaccine recipients. Out of hospital practitioners are urged to make contact with their respective association for more detail. Due to limited doses, eligibility for out of hospital vaccines is being prioritised by recipient age. In the next two weeks the focus will be on dentists, general practitioners, physiotherapists, and independent specialists. Lists of eligible beneficiaries are presented to vaccination sites daily – anyone not on these lists should not present for vaccinations.

Healthcare workers are understandably anxious to be vaccinated given the potential for a third wave of infections. We are empathetic and remain steadfast in our commitment to vaccinate all healthcare workers as vaccines become available. We do face supply constraints, but we are confident efforts by the National Department of Health, the South African Medical Research Council to secure the required doses for all healthcare workers will be successful and will soon enable us to vaccinate all healthcare workers in the country.

Ends.

Private hospital vaccination sites for week beginning 15 March 2021	
Gauteng	Ahmed Kathrada Private Hospital; Netcare Milpark; Mediclinic Medforum (New)
Western Cape	Melomed Gatesville
Eastern Cape	Life St Dominics; Netcare Greenacres;
Mpumalanga	Life Cosmos; Mediclinic Nelspruit
KwaZulu-Natal	Mediclinic Pietermaritzburg (New) ; Netcare St Augustine's
Northern Cape	Mediclinic Upington
Limpopo	Netcare Pholoso

Private hospital vaccination sites for week beginning 23 March 2021	
Gauteng	Ahmed Kathrada Private Hospital; Netcare Milpark; Mediclinic Medforum
Western Cape	Melomed Gatesville
Eastern Cape	Life St Dominics; Netcare Greenacres;
Mpumalanga	Life Cosmos; Mediclinic Nelspruit (could be closed)
KwaZulu-Natal	Mediclinic Pietermaritzburg; Netcare St Augustine's
Northern Cape	Mediclinic Upington to remain 'vaccination sites' on Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) but research and vaccination team will become mobile. Roadshow and time table to follow.
Limpopo	Netcare Pholoso

Public hospital vaccination sites for week beginning 15-23 March 2021	
Western Cape	wc George Hospital; wc Paarl Hospital
Eastern Cape	
Mpumalanga	Evander, Ermelo
Northwest	Rustenburg; Klerksdorp; Mahikeng, Brits
KwaZulu-Natal	GJ Crookes Hospital; Ladysmith
Northern Cape	
Limpopo	