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EVDS second dose scheduling

The National Vaccination Program started on the 17 May 2021. The dosing interval between the first and the second dose was extended to 42 days.

Therefore, the first group of patients who received their first dose will be due for their second dose from the 28 June 2021 onwards.

The EVDS system has been adjusted so that all patients who receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine now get an appointment 42 days after their first dose.

Facilities should therefore be aware that 2nd dose client will be coming and remember the following important points:

1. The vaccinating facilities **MUST** set the scheduling templates capacity according to their vaccine doses and vaccinators. As long as the scheduler template has slots open, the system can allocate clients accordingly.
2. The clients will receive a system generated SMS telling them to return for their 2nd dose on a scheduled location, date and time using the 42-day interval to calculate the date.
3. Note- clients may be scheduled at a different facility to where they received their first dose depending on their location, facility location and appointment slots available.
4. SMS's are currently going out 3 days before the appointment date (as long as the scheduler template has been set up in advance). If you only set your scheduler up today for tomorrow, the SMS can only go out midnight tonight!
5. The system will prioritise 2nd dose clients and allocate appointment slots to them first. Once all the 2nd dose clients due for second doses have been allocated to slots, the remaining empty slots for the day will be filled by 1st dose clients.
6. Facilities should ensure they have sufficient doses to cover their scheduled clients and only use them for walk-ins if they have extra vaccines or scheduled no-shows.

Regards,

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