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Circular H ..198./2021

COVID VACCINE PROJECT OFFICE: Vaccination of Immunocompromised Adults

As from 1st December 2021, the following groups of adults ≥ 18 years old will be eligible to receive an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine as part of their primary vaccine schedule:

1. Individuals with the following conditions:

- Haematological or immune malignancy
- Moderate to Severe Primary immunodeficiency disorder
- HIV infection with CD4 count < 200 cells/ μL within the last 6 months
- Asplenia

2. Individuals receiving the following treatments:

- High dose steroids or systemic biologics (e.g. for autoimmune conditions)
- Long term renal dialysis
- Transplant recipients (Solid organ or bone marrow)

Additional doses **must be prescribed by a doctor or a nurse prescriber** who must complete the referral form that is contained in **Annexure A** (attached). Please note:

- It is not a requirement to specify the patient's diagnosis or indicate the eligibility criteria on the form.
- An individual who has received two doses of the Cominarty® (Pfizer) vaccine must receive a third dose of Cominarty® (Pfizer) vaccine, whilst an individual who has received the one dose Covid Vaccine Janssen® (J&J) schedule should receive a second dose of the Janssen® vaccine. A "mix & match" approach to the vaccine prescribed is not permitted.
- If the incorrect vaccine has been prescribed, the additional dose must not be administered and the client must be referred back to the requesting clinician.

- The MP number of the referring doctor or the South African Nursing Council annual practicing certificate number of the referring professional nurse must be captured on the form.

Eligible individuals must register for an additional vaccination dose on the EVDS Registration Portal. A code with the prefix **AD-IC-XXXXXXXX** will be received by SMS. The client must present with the form and the code at any vaccination site. The vaccination details and the professional registration number of the requesting clinician must be captured on EVDS.

Further details are contained in the attached circular from NDOH.

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