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Circular H/2022 ⁵⁹

UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE

With reference to circular H9/2023 and the recent changes and additions to the COVID-19 vaccination schedule, the updated schedule is attached.

We would like to urge all vaccinators to check a patient's vaccine eligibility before vaccinating and to then capture the dose administered on EVDS in real-time. Real-time capturing will help to reduce capturing errors, avoid vaccinating when patient isn't eligible and also ensure the client has an up-to-date vaccination certificate.

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Yours sincerely

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COVID 19 vaccination schedule as at May 2023

	Primary series		Booster						
	Dose 1	Interval	Dose 2	Interval	Booster	Interval	Booster	Interval	Booster
SISONKE 18 - 49 years	J&J			Min 60 days	J&J	Min 90 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 180 days	J&J Or Pfizer
SISONKE 50+ years	J&J			Min 60 days	J&J	Min 90 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 120 days	J&J Or Pfizer
5-11 years Cominarty paediatric Vaccine®	Cominarty paediatric Vaccine®	Min 21 days	Cominarty paediatric Vaccine®						
12-17 years Pfizer	Pfizer	Min 21 days	Pfizer						
18 - 49 years Primary schedule J&J	J&J			Min 60 day	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 90 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 180 days	J&J Or Pfizer
18-49 years Primary schedule Pfizer	Pfizer	Min 21 days	Pfizer						
50+ years Primary schedule J&J	J&J			Min 60 day	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 90 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 120 days	J&J Or Pfizer
50+ years Primary schedule Pfizer	Pfizer	Min 21 days	Pfizer						

Pfizer = Cominarty® vaccine

J&J = Janssen® vaccine

Immune-compromised

	Primary series		Additional		Boosters						
	Dose 1	Interval	Dose 2	Interval	Interval	Booster	Interval	Booster	Interval	Booster	
Immuno-Compromised client (only for 50+ individuals)	J&J			Min 28 days to 3 mths	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 60 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 90 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 180 days	J&J Or Pfizer
Immuno-Compromised client (only for 18-49 individuals)	Pfizer	Min 21 days	Pfizer	Min 28 days to 3 mths	J&J Or Pfizer		J&J Or Pfizer	Min 90 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 180 days	J&J Or Pfizer
	J&J			Min 28 days to 3 mths	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 60 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 90 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 180 days	J&J Or Pfizer
	Pfizer	Min 21 days	Pfizer	Min 28 days to 3 mths	J&J Or Pfizer		J&J Or Pfizer	Min 90 days	J&J Or Pfizer	Min 180 days	J&J Or Pfizer
↑↑ MUST REGISTER BEFORE THE BOOSTER DOSE IS GIVEN OTHERWISE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR IMMUNO-COMPROMISED ADDITIONAL DOSE AND SHOULD FOLLOW THE NORMAL VACCINATION SCHEDULE!											
Foreign vaccinations	Individuals who have had incomplete primary vaccination schedules overseas – may only receive a single Pfizer dose in SA followed by a J&J/Pfizer booster min 90 days after Pfizer dose.										
	Individuals who have had 2 Pfizer vaccinations overseas are eligible for a heterologous booster in SA min 90 days after 2 nd Pfizer vaccination										

*One out of the additional/booster 1/booster 2 must be Pfizer.

The following criteria apply for **immunocompromised** status:

- Individuals with the following conditions:
 - o Haematological or immune malignancy
 - o Moderate to Severe Primary immunodeficiency disorder
 - o HIV infection with CD4 count <200 cells/ μ L within the last 6 months
 - o Asplenia
- Individuals receiving the following treatments:
 - o High dose steroids or systemic biologics (e.g. autoimmune conditions)
 - o Long term renal dialysis
 - o Transplant recipients (solid organ or bone marrow)

Immuno-compromised process:

- Immunocompromised patients must register for an additional dose on <https://vaccine.additional.health.gov.za/#/>

(Normal registration is at <https://vaccine.additional.health.gov.za>)

- Immunocompromised patients must obtain a referral letter from their doctor or a nurse prescriber which must be presented together with their identification document to the vaccination site after registering.
- Registration must take place **before** receiving their 1st booster dose