

Social development sector vaccination rollout 26 – 30 July 2021

1. Who is included in this process?

The following categories qualify to be vaccinated, as stipulated by the National Departments of Social Development and Health:

- All social service professionals such as social workers, social auxiliary workers, and child and youth care workers in the private sector and the NPO Sector rendering social services;
- The entire ECD workforce;
- All staff employed in the Departments of Social Development, SASSA, and the National Development Agency (NDA), nationwide.

2. Do I need to register on EVDS?

DSD Staff:

All DSD staff will be registered by the Department on the EVDS. Therefore, it's not necessary.

South African Council of Social Service Professionals:

SACSSP members have been registered on EVDS

Early Childhood Development Sector:

The National Department of Health has loaded over 10 000 ECD workers from the Western Cape onto the EVDS. ECD workers can contact 0800 029 999 to find out if they're loaded on EVDS.

3. What if I'm not on the EVDS?

ECD staff aged 35 years and older can self-register on EVDS, and walk-in to a social sector vaccination site.

4. How will I know where to go?

You will receive an SMS indicating the site and time you need to report in order to receive the vaccine. You should arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment time.

5. What if I haven't received an SMS?

If you have not received an SMS, and you have self-registered on EVDS, you may proceed to the social sector designated vaccination sites as a walk-in.

Note: ECDs in the West Coast can make use of any vaccination site.

6. What should I bring on the day?

- Identity document
- Workplace identification
- Medical aid card if applicable
- Proof of employment at an ECD where applicable
- Proof of SACSSP where applicable

7. What if I currently have Covid-19?

If you have Covid-19, call the number provided on the vaccination appointment SMS notification. You will be advised on a way forward, and your appointment may be rescheduled. If this opportunity is missed, you can participate in the national rollout programme, according to age-band.

8. What if I've received a flu vaccination recently?

If you have received a flu vaccination up to 14 days before your scheduled appointment, call the number provided on the vaccination appointment SMS notification. You will be advised on a way forward, and your appointment may be rescheduled.

What to expect on the day:

- You must wear a mask, and clothing that is easily removed to expose your shoulder.
- At the vaccination site there will be signage directing you where to go.
- You will be screened according to Covid-19 protocol. Once inside, your details will be confirmed. The health workers at the vaccination station will ask you for consent, will explain what they are going to do, and will ask if you have any allergies or medical conditions. This is an important part of the process.
- After your vaccination you will be asked to wait in the observation room for 15 minutes so that staff can make sure you do not experience any severe allergic reactions.
- You will also receive a proof of vaccination card.

After the Vaccination

It is normal to experience some side effects after your vaccination. This means that the vaccine is working, and your body is mounting an immune response.

- Mild side effects are common in the first 3 days after vaccination. You might experience that your arm is sore or red at the injection site, fever/chills, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, and/or nausea.