COVID-19 VACCINATION AND VACCINATOR INFORMATION FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN THE WESTERN CAPE

1. Background
   a. The Sisonke trial (https://www.samrc.ac.za/) pertinently forms part of a public private collaboration where South Africa secured the single dose Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine for use in the Sisonke (‘Together’) programme. Sisonke will be rolled out to up to 500,000 healthcare workers starting in 18 public sector hospitals across all nine provinces.
   b. Phase 1 of the vaccine programme is focused on healthcare workers, but it is noted that above volume of vaccines will not cover Phase 1 total requirements.
   c. Phase 1 of South Africa’s three phase vaccine rollout strategy was paused temporarily earlier this month following concerns regarding the efficacy of the Oxford-AstraZeneca.
   d. The switch to the J&J vaccine allows for the country to restart Phase 1 vaccine rollout to keep our health workers safe.
   e. The single dose J&J vaccine protects against severe COVID-19 in South Africa, the current rollout is being conducted under The Sisonke Open Label Program, to assess real world effectiveness among health care workers, who have already been prioritised for vaccination by the South African Government’s Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy.

2. Vaccinator update
   a. The Western Cape Province, together with the National Department have been monitoring the number of vaccinators that are receiving and completing training.
   b. It is estimated that a vaccine site would require at least 2 vaccinators.

   We would like to share more information on how you can become involved as a vaccinator.

3. Who can become vaccinators?
   a. The only occupational categories that will be eligible to become vaccinators are:
      i. Professional Nurses
      ii. Pharmacists
      iii. Doctors

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PART A: Vaccinating within the Western Cape Government (WCGH)

4. Timeframe

PHASED APPROACH FOR VACCINE INTRODUCTION

Phase I
- Health care workers (HCW)
  - All health sector workers
  - Target population: 1,250,000

Phase II
- Essential workers
  - Target population: 3,500,000
  - Persons in congregate settings
    - Target population: 1,100,000
  - Persons >60 years
    - Target population: 5,000,000
  - Persons >18 years with co-morbidities
    - Target population: 8,000,000

Phase III
- Other persons >18 years
  - Target population: 22,500,000

5. How to become a COVID-19 vaccinator, within the Western Cape Government Health (WCGH)

a. Volunteer your services
   i. All volunteer requests must be submitted online via the following link: [https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/volunteer-recruitment-questionnaire](https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/volunteer-recruitment-questionnaire)
   ii. Once volunteers are needed as per the geographical area (Metro and Rural) in Phase 2 and 3, persons will be contacted and directed to vaccination sites.
   iii. Volunteers will be required to complete training. (please refer to the below section)

b. Seeking employment as a vaccinator
   i. The Western Cape Department of Health (WCGH), intends to offer a limited number of vaccinators 1-year employment contracts to assist as vaccinators.
ii. The appointment of vaccinators is subject to the department’s available budget, and the need for additional vaccinators per geographic area.

iii. Interested persons can apply via the following link: https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/covid-19-recruitment-drive

iv. Successful applicants will be required to complete training. (please refer to the below section)

PART B: Vaccinators in Private Practice

6. All entities who wish to perform vaccinations must be registered on the Master Facility List (MFL) https://mfl.csir.co.za/

7. Please contact your relevant association or network for the latest information on the private sector engagement with the National Department of Health, which is coordinated via the B4SA, National and Private Sector committees.

PART C: Training as a Vaccinator

8. Training as a vaccinator

Interested persons can complete training through:

a. The National Department via the Knowledge Hub https://www.knowledgehub.org.za/

OR

b. The Western Cape Covid-19 vaccine training portal

i. The Western Cape Department of Health: People Development Centre, is offering a 4-hour comprehensive podcast on the COVID-19 vaccine training, with content aligned to the NDOH training package and specific reference to the Western Cape policies, framework and messaging. The podcast will be followed by weekly 1-hour update webinars on Zoom, recorded and uploaded to the same training website for those who have missed the live session.
ii. All attendees will receive a certificate of attendance (4-CPD points are awarded for attending the podcast, and 1-CPD point for each update session) It is very important for all staff to attend the podcast and update sessions.

iii. **NB** Please note that the Western Cape training is only for healthcare providers who practice within the Western Cape Province.

iv. If you wish to be registered, please request a registration form by emailing:

   - Private Training support enquiries | Mica.Jackson@westerncape.gov.za
   - Training Implementation Support | Thanya.Petersen@westerncape.gov.za

   c. Persons can complete either one of the training options, i.e. via the
   
   - WCGH Western Cape **OR**
   - via the NDOH, National Knowledge Hub.

   d. Additional notes

   i. We encourage Western Cape healthcare providers to register for the Western Cape training, in order to access the weekly updates. Simultaneously, it is beneficial to also register on the Knowledge Hub in order to receive any updates from the National Department.

   ii. Please note if you have already completed the Knowledge Hub training, you are not required to also complete the Western Cape training – you can opt to sign up for the weekly updates only.
Part D: Registration of healthcare workers to receive a vaccine

9. The allocation of vaccines Vaccination Centers are regulated and controlled by the National Department of Health (NDOH) who have given impetus that Frontline Healthcare workers should have access to these and this is to occur under strict clinical research settings and amounts to only a limited amount of vaccines per day for this purpose.

10. All healthcare workers who wish to receive a vaccine must register on the Electronic Vaccine Data System (EVDS), available via the following link: https://sacoronavirus.co.za/evds/

11. Once registered healthcare workers will receive via SMS:
   a. Alerts
   b. Voucher details
   c. Consent information if you are getting vaccinated as part of the Sisonke programme
      i. The Sisonke eligibility, voucher and booking process is reflected as per below:

   ii. Persons will be required to complete an online consent process after receiving their voucher details via the following website: https://sisonke.samrc.ac.za/
   iii. Sisonke help desk can be contacted at 0800 014 956
   iv. Download the Sisonke Participant Information Leaflet & Info leaflet
12. Please ensure you bring the following to your appointment:
   a. 1. Electronic token number.
   b. 2. Direction within last week from NDOH by means of SMS or other form, to the respective vaccination centre and their allocated date/time slot.
   c. 3. an ID (Identity Document) or Passport
   d. 4. Employee Card/Professional Council Registration.

13. Vaccination sites

   Sisonke vaccinations sites
   Western Cape

   Week starting 1 March

   • Groote Schuur Hospital
   • Tygerberg Hospital
   • Gatesville Melomed
   • George Hospital
   • Karl Bremer Hospital
   • Khayelitsha District Hospital
   • Paarl Hospital
   • Worcester Hospital

   Healthcare workers register now to receive your vaccination at vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za
14. Who to contact for help with EVDS

Need support with EVDS?

» Having trouble with registering on EVDS?
» Difficulty with obtaining a vaccination voucher?
» Technical difficulties?

Go to: http://hissupport.dhmis.org
Email: hissupport@dhmis.org

For local support
Email: WC-EVDS.support@westerncape.gov.za

NOTE

Most of the websites seem to work better when opened with Google Chrome.

DISCLAIMER

Please note that whilst we try to share the most recent information with you, please refer to the relevant websites or your network or association for the latest information.