

Media Briefing

Current issues on SA Vaccination Plan



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“ We wish to remind fellow citizens that the mainstay of preventing COVID-19, until the country reaches population immunity, remains the continued adherence to health protocols.



Government will source, distribute and oversee the rollout of the vaccine.

Government as the sole purchaser of vaccines will distribute it to provincial governments and the private health sector.

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There will be a phased rollout of the vaccine.

We are selecting vaccines on their safety and efficacy, ease of use, storage, distribution, supply sustainability and cost.

We anticipate that by the end of phase three, 40 350 000 citizens would have been immunised.

Phase 1 of the vaccine rollout will focus on frontline healthcare workers.

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Vaccines save lives!

There is overwhelming scientific evidence that vaccination is the best defence against serious infections.

Vaccines do not give you the virus, it teaches your immune system to recognise and fight the infection.

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Vaccines undergo rigorous trials to ensure they are safe and effective.

All vaccines go through a comprehensive approval process by medical regulators to ensure that they are safe.

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DID YOU KNOW



Were COVID-19 vaccines rushed?

Because of the risk from COVID-19 and its prevalence, it was possible to expedite the clinical trials without compromising safety:

- Thousands of people signed up rapidly to participate in COVID-19 vaccine trials in 2020, compared to the 12-18 months it often takes to recruit far fewer participants for such trials
- These vaccines have been tested with more participants than many earlier vaccines for other diseases