

Feedback: Multilateral meeting - 17 February 2021: Provincial Vaccine Rollout Committee and launch of first Johnson & Johnson vaccine

The following items were discussed:

Vaccination study of Ad26.Cov. S Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson vaccine)

Dr Shabalala, chairperson of the provincial vaccination rollout committee, reported that KwaZulu-Natal health workers will benefit from the 80 000 vaccines that were delivered on 17 February 2021. Two regional hospitals have been selected for vaccinations, i.e. Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital and Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital.

Johnson & Johnson vaccine efficacy

It has reported the efficacy rates of the vaccine are 57% for mild symptoms, 85% for severe symptoms and 100% for death.

Launch: Johnson & Johnson vaccine - Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital

The Premier of KwaZulu -Natal and MEC of Health attended the launch of the first vaccine rollout at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital in Durban. It has been reported that another 80 000 doses will be delivered in the next four weeks to ensure that more healthcare workers are vaccinated without delay. The PSA has appealed to Government to acquire more vaccinations to allow for more frontline workers and public servants to be vaccinated. The taking of vaccination is a voluntary process.

Electronic Vaccinations Data System (EVDS)

The EVDS is the primary system that has been adopted for administration of the COVID-19 vaccination process. The self-registration portal has been created by the Department of Health for healthcare workers to register for phase 1 vaccinations. Members are encouraged to register on the portal should they want to be vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccinations concern form and vaccination card

The National Department Health has created a vaccination concerns form to be filled by members before getting injected. Members are requested to read the form and ask questions from authorities if the need arises. It has basic questions like disclosure of any chronic illness, whether you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, etc. The vaccination card will be issued after completing the form and taking the vaccination, for record purposes.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER