

## Feedback: Special meeting Provincial Vaccine Coordination Committee - 24 February 2021

The following matters were discussed:

### **KwaZulu-Natal implementation study that commenced with staff vaccination**

Members will recall that the KZN Department of Health participated in the healthcare worker vaccination study programme that commenced on 18 February 2021 at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital and Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital. The Department reported that 4 684 health workers from the public and private sectors have been vaccinated to date.

### **Additional vaccination study sites**

The Department reported that Edendale Hospital and General Justice Gizenga Mpanza Regional Hospital have been scheduled for vaccination by the second week of March 2021. More information will follow on the follow-up dosage. The above hospitals were nominated based on the total number of staff, including feeder clinics and support services such as laundry, NHLS and EMS.

### **Criteria used in selecting vaccination sites**

According to the guidance provided by the National Department of Health team, the following criteria was used in selecting the hospitals:

- proximity to research site
- COVID-19 burden to health system utilising admission data
- geographical spread
- public and private equity

### **Delivery: Next dose of Johnson&Johnson vaccine**

South Africa will receive another 80 000 vaccines from Johnson&Johnson by 27 February 2021. The National Department of Health will inform provinces of their doses allocation in the first week of March 2021.

### **Vaccination: Night-shift health workers**

Labour registered concerns with regard to non-vaccination of night-shift staff at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial

Hospital and Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital. The employer committed to ensure that night-shift staff members are not left out during the vaccination implementation study.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER