

26 July 2021

Greetings from HIGHER HEALTH

Dear CEO

## **VACCINATION OF PSET STAFF UNDER A PRIORITY ROLLOUT PLAN 27 to 30 JULY 2021 from 08h00 to 17h00**

As per our communiqué regarding the PSET vaccination strategy, the Honourable Minister Blade Nzimande has announced the PSET priority vaccinations on 23 July 2021 and vaccination rollout has commenced.

HIGHER HEALTH has mapped out vaccination sites with the NDoH fully dedicated to PSET staff. We are pleased to inform you that vaccination rollout has been scheduled between **27-30 July 2021 ONLY** for prioritisation, for PSET staff over 35 years old in alignment with the current community-based roll out. This comprises 70% of the PSET workforce. This age group includes:

- Full time staff
- Part Time Staff
- Contract Staff – daily student and staff facing, residence, cleaning and security
- Postgraduate Students who teach.

HIGHER HEALTH with NDoH is now opening over 2000 Vaccination sites, across every metro, districts and sub-districts, in our country. As per the directive from NDoH, to all the provinces and districts, all these sites, will now be able to accommodate PSET sector with staff over the 35-year age group. However, we will be sharing these sites with employees from the following Departments: Department of Home Affairs, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (and the Office of the Chief Justice), National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), South African Revenue Services (SARS), and members of Road Traffic Management services (RTMC).

All staff over 35 years, in every campus or centre can go to their nearest vaccination site as indicated in the attached provincial spreadsheets, anytime from 08h00 to 17h00 from 27 to 30 July 2021. The attached provincial spreadsheets detail your provincial sites breakdown into districts and subdistricts. You are advised to open the relevant provincial spreadsheet, identify your district and map out the nearest vaccination site/s to the campus per subdistrict, for easy access of the staff, towards vaccination.

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In preparation for the vaccination rollout that will cover your institution, the following should be noted:

- 1) Please encourage all staff over 35 years to **REGISTER** on the **EVDS** system as soon as possible.
- 2) Registered staff on EVDS to proceed to the nearest vaccination site, as per Annexure A, from 27 July to 30 July 2021, from 08h00 to 17h00
- 3) Employees will be vaccinated on presentation of the following:
  - South African Identification Card/South African Residents Permit/Passport if a foreign national
  - Proof of employment (staff identity, staff card or a letter from the Head of the Institution)
  - Medical Aid details (if applicable)

This is to inform that both Pfizer and J&J are being administered through the HIGHER HEALTH-PSET Vaccination Priority Focus Programme. The vaccines are distributed per site based on cold storage, infrastructure and logistics.

Please note that vaccination for staff and students who are under the 35-year age band will commence as soon as the national vaccination rollout opens up for this population, as of 1 September 2021.

You are also invited to a webinar that will provide clarity on the roll out arrangements for your institution and each campus/centre. We request the Head of the Institution, joined by COVID task team chairperson, Campus/Centre Managers, Human Resources Manager, Head of Communications and any other person deemed relevant for this roll out, to please join the webinar. The detail of the webinar is as follows:

**Date: 27 July 2021, Tuesday**

**Time: 10h30 to 11h30**

**Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81481616490>**

Should you have any queries, please email [Skillsvaccinations@higherhealth.ac.za](mailto:Skillsvaccinations@higherhealth.ac.za)

HIGHER HEALTH thanks you for your support and commitment to the vaccination roll out for PSET staff. We understand the short notice of this priority roll out as arrangements have dependencies on the NDoH, both provinces and districts.



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