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**TO:
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DISTRICT AND PHC MANAGERS
COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRAMME MANAGERS
COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE MANAGERS
COVID-19 VACCINATORS**

CIRCULAR: INFORMATION FOR VACCINATION SITES (26th July - 30th July 2021)

Use of all doses of short-dated J&J vaccine

1. The **current batch of Johnson & Johnson vaccine expires on 11th August 2021**, and all provinces and facilities are requested to ensure that all available vaccine is administered before this date.
2. **J&J vaccine should be administered to all groups including the general population.** Administration of J&J vaccine is especially recommended in districts with sub-optimal coverage (predominantly rural districts) and in reaching populations where administration of vaccines with a two dose schedule is particularly challenging e.g. seasonal worker populations.
3. **J&J vaccine should also be used for the SASSA vaccination programme** which will be implemented at the beginning of August. Whilst this programme will provide an opportunity to utilize any remaining short-dated J&J vaccine, **provinces should not withhold short-dated stock** for this programme. All provinces will receive J&J deliveries next week, and will have the opportunity to re-order and use J&J vaccines with a longer expiry date for this purpose.

Prioritisation of sectors/departments

4. Provinces are requested to prioritise public sector essential workers from the following during the week Monday 26th to 30th July 2021.
 - 3.1. Officials and others vaccinated as part of the **Social Development Sector** Vaccination programme (all ages).

- 3.2. Officials from the **Department of Home Affairs**, the **Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (and the Office of the Chief Justice)**, the National Prosecuting Authority (**NPA**), the South African Revenue Services (**SARS**), and members of Road Traffic Management services (**RTMC**) in all districts (all ages).
 - 3.3. In specified districts, **Higher Education** employers should also be prioritised (includes only those over 35 years).
 - 3.4. Each province will be supplied with the anticipated number of vaccinees from each department (by district) as well as contact details for provincial representatives from each department.
5. The following should be noted:
- 4.1. Officials from these departments/entities can be accommodated at designated sites or can be vaccinated across all sites. It is imperative however that the decision regarding the **approach used by the province is clearly communicated to the representatives of each department or sector** so that they are aware as to the sites which their employees should access.
 - 4.2. These **employees have been bulk uploaded** on the EVDS (Electronic Vaccine Data System).
 - 4.3. They will be vaccinated on presentation of the following:
 - South African Identification Card/ South African Residents permit if a foreign national AND
 - Proof of employment at the relevant department
 - Medical Aid card details (if applicable).
 - 4.4. The individual's details will be verified against the uploaded employee database at the vaccination site (vaccinators will be able to pick up their details and will be able to record the vaccination).
 - 4.5. An individual should **receive the vaccine that is available at the site** which they access.
 - 4.6. If any of these employees are **35+ years** and not found on EVDS, they can self-register immediately and be vaccinated. If they are **under 35 years** and not found on EVDS, kindly refer them to their respective HR department.



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