

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE – Pre-Vaccination COVID-19 Screening

INSTITUTION	National Department of Health		
SECTION	COVID 19 Vaccine - Assessing eligibility for vaccination		
OBJECTIVE	 To provide basic guidelines to the Healthcare Workers (HCW) on basic steps in the COVID 19 screening pre-vaccination 		
SCOPE	- Pre-Vaccination COVID 19 Screening		
COMPILED BY	ORIGINAL DATE:		
AUTHORISED BY			
DEFINITIONS	 Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening means the person responsible for routine COVID 19 screening at vaccination sites. Vaccinee means a person who is vaccinated with a Covid-19 vaccine. Screening means the process of helping health care workers decide if a client has symptoms of COVID-19 and may need a coronavirus test. It is based on a series of basic questions about the client's health and recent history and may include taking his/her temperature 		
ABBREVIATIONS	 - GP: General Practitioner - HCW: Healthcare Workers 		
POLICIES, REFERENCES, SOURCE MATERIAL	 Pharmacy Act, 1974 (Act 53 of 1974) Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965) Good Pharmacy Practice rules published in terms of the Pharmacy Act,1974 (Act 53 of 1974) Nursing Act 33 of 2005 Health Professions Act 56 of 1974 National Health Act 61 of 2003 		
RELATED SOPs	 Administration and processing of client at vaccination site prior to vaccination Enrolment Validation Vaccination Site Readiness Assessment 		
PRINCIPLES	 Efficient systems must be implemented and monitored on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis On arrival at a vaccination site, all clients and staff working on the site will undergo COVID-19 screening. Clients who are screened and have no symptoms of COVID-19 will then move to a waiting area until marshals direct them to administration desks for confirmation of their details. Cleaning at the screening station should be performed frequently, at least twice daily with special attention to high touch surfaces. Personnel must use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). 		

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FUNCTIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	- Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening
TOOLS/ MATERIALS/ EQUIPMENT	 COVID 19 screening form EVDS
SAFETY WARNINGS	- N/A
MONITORING AND EVALUATION	- KPIs to be defined
RECORD KEEPING	 COVID-19 vaccine records shall be kept by the COVID-19 Vaccine Unit for a period of 5 years

1. PROCEDURE:

No	PROCEDURE	RESPONSIBLE
1	Pre-vaccination COVID 19 screening	
1.1	On arrival at a vaccination site, client is ushered to the screening station	Marshall
1.2	Build rapport with the client by introducing yourself	Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening
1.3	 Screen client for COVID 19 signs and symptoms. The Health worker must ask the following questions: <i>Refer Annexure 02 for sample questionnaire</i> If the client has travelled to a high-risk country in the last 14 days If the client has had contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days If the client has symptoms such as fever, cough and difficulty in breathing 	Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening
1.3.1	Proceed to take temperature reading and record on the form. NB: Red alert for fever of more than 38°c	Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening
1.3.2	 Review symptom guideline for two or more of the following symptoms and decide if the client is healthy or should be referred for testing: Fever of more than 38°c Cough (especially a dry cough) Difficulty breathing Sore throat Muscle pain 	Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening

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	Loss of smell or /taste	
1.3.3	If the client is deemed healthy i.e. displays 0/6 or 1/6 of above stated symptoms, confirm client registration for vaccination and direct client to the administration desk for confirmation of enrolment on the EVDS or to join the assisted enrolment queue to get registered on EVDS	Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening
1.3.4	If the health worker thinks that the client may have COVID-19, refer the client to a health facility to be tested i.e. Client displays 2/6 or more of above stated symptoms	Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening
1.3.5	If vaccination takes place at an outreach site, arrange for transport to the nearest Healthcare facility if client looks very ill and are displaying two or more symptoms, especially if they are struggling to breathe.	Personnel responsible for COVID-19 screening

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ANNEXURES	Annexure 1: Process Flow

2. **REVISION DATA**

Revision No	Pages	Revision Details	Date	Approved

TRAINING REQUIRED

Training to be conducted post SOP sign-off and prior to the effective date as per above
Training to be administered to relevant responsible parties after each SOP revision

Trainees	Type of training

3. SOP AUTHORISED

	Name	Signature	Date
Compiled by			
Checked by			
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Annexure 1: Process Flow

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Annexure 2: Sample COVID 19 Vaccination Form

Name and Surname	
Telephone Number	
Reason for Visit	

Are you above the age of 60?	Yes	🗖 No
Have you travelled internationally in the last 14 days?	Yes	🗖 No
Have you been in contact in the last 14 days with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19	Yes	🗆 No
Do you suffer from any of the following conditions in a non-medicated or non-controlled manner?	Yes	🗖 No
Hypertension	Yes	🗆 No
Diabetes	Yes	🗆 No
Epilepsy	Yes	🗆 No
Asthma	Yes	🗆 No
ТВ	Yes	□ No
Pregnant	Yes	🗆 No
Are you currently suffering from any of the following symptoms?	Yes	□ No
Fever	Yes	□ No
Cough	Yes	□ No
Sore throat	Yes	□ No
Body pains / headache	Yes	□ No
Shortness of breath	Yes	□ No
Loss of Smell	Yes	□ No
Loss of taste	Yes	□ No
Nausea	□ Yes	🗆 No

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Vomiting	Yes	🗆 No
Diarrhoea	Yes	🗆 No
Fatigue	Yes	🗆 No
Weakness or tiredness	Yes	□ No

Temperature Recording	

DECLARATION I hereby declare to the best of my knowledge that the information disclosed is correct at the time of completion.

Name	Signature

Please note, the Department of Health reserves the right of access to our facility.