



**VACCINE CALL TO ACTION
TALKING POINTS
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COVID-19 is real and is claiming lives!

- Based on available data from COVID-19 cases worldwide men have about twice the risk of death from COVID-19.
- Yet in South Africa men are lagging far behind women in getting vaccinated.
- We risk a new pandemic of broken households and communities if men do not step up and vaccinate.

It's time to take a stand!

- Let us act now to keep our families and communities safe by choosing vaccination.
- Let us encourage our fellow brothers to do the right thing.
- A simple jab is all it takes to keep you and your loved ones safe.
- If you have not yet been vaccinated, you probably have questions or concerns.
- Your concerns are valid and not insignificant. But once you are presented with facts, you will consider getting vaccinated to protect yourself, your loved ones and others.

COVID-19 myths versus reality.

- Contrary to myths circulating on social media, COVID-19 vaccines do not cause erectile dysfunction and male infertility.
- However, COVID-19 can cause erectile dysfunction and infertility in males.
- COVID-19 increases the risk of developing erectile dysfunction (ED) by nearly six times, according to data from the first study to investigate the association between ED and COVID-19 in young men.
- The choice is simple, vaccinate to stay safe!
- Vaccines do not alter your DNA or contain the virus.
- If you do have adverse events from the vaccine they are usually mild, and will typically subside shortly, whereas getting COVID-19 puts you at risk for serious illness or death.

Getting vaccinated is easy!

- You now simply can present yourself at a vaccination site, even without an appointment where you will be registered and vaccinated.
- If you are not registered on the EVDS you will be assisted to do so before being vaccinated.
- A full list of all vaccination sites is available on: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/active-vaccination-sites/>
- Vaccines offer robust protection against COVID-19 and reduce the risk of serious illness, hospitalisation and death.
- Vaccines are the only way in which we can return our daily lives and economy to normality.
- Our healthcare professionals are ready and waiting to help you get your jab. Do it today!