



VACCINATION TALKING POINTS

The time to vaccinate is now!

- We encourage all citizens including children over the age of 12 years to protect themselves by getting vaccinated.
- The choices we make today will ensure that we can visit loved ones, and friends and family this festive season.
- The power is in your hands; let us continue to choose vaccination as our best line of defence.
- Vaccines offer protection against COVID-19 and reduce the risk of serious illness, hospitalisation and death.

Vaccination against COVID-19 is open to all children over 12 years.

- Parents and caregivers are encouraged to vaccinate children over 12 years as it prevents them from getting severely ill from COVID-19.
- All children aged 12 years and older are now eligible to receive one dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
- It is recommended that a parent or other adult accompany eligible children when they present for vaccination.
- All eligible children can be registered through the Electronic Vaccination Data System link - vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za or by calling the COVID-19 Call Centre on 0800 029 999.
- A child's birth certificate, foreign passport or asylum/refugee document bearing their names will be required for purposes of registering on the EVDS.
- You can also simply present yourself at a vaccination site, even without an appointment where you will be registered and vaccinated.

If you have any concerns we are here to help.

- Our health workers are here to answer all questions and walk you step-by-step through the vaccination process.
- In the unlikely event that you experience an adverse event after an immunisation we want to hear about it.
- You can report any such event in three easy ways:
 - Contact your local health facility which will usually be a clinic, private practitioner or hospital.
 - Use the Medsafety App, which is available for smart phones. Search for "**Medsafety**" on Apple Store or Google Play Store and install the app on your mobile device. Select **South Africa** and you are ready to go.
 - Call the COVID-19 Hotline on 0800 029 999.