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Dear Colleagues

Re: Vaccine roll out for out of hospital Specialists

Please see below communication from the V4HCW for your perusal.

As per our previous communication SAMA has partnered with the V4HCW to assist with inclusion of out of hospital Specialists and Allied Healthcare workers into the vaccination programme.

Kind Regards,

Dr Kgao Legodi
SPPC Chair



Vaccine roll-out to the Out of Hospital HCP and Allied Disciplines

NDOH, SAMRC and the UFFP have successfully negotiated to now include the “Out of Hospital Healthcare Professionals” into the SISONKE Phase 3B trial, starting with the 3rd Tranche on the 15 March 2021.

A limited amount of vaccine doses will now be available for all “Out of Hospital healthcare professionals” across all health professional groupings, beginning with those at greatest individual risk. (i.e. age and/or co-morbidities).

Vaccines for Healthcare workers (V4HCW), in agreement with the NDOH and SAMRC, have offered to assist all eligible groups and associations to use our platform as an easy gate keeping solution. We have opened up our platform and implemented a solution for all non-hospital associations to collate, risk stratify and to offer an equitable distribution going forward.

The current vaccination process is part of the SISONKE 3B Study Trial, made available from Jansen, using the Johnson & Johnson, single dose vaccines. The vaccines arrive in the country in 2 weekly Tranches and we have thus far completed Tranche 1 & 2. Tranche 3 roll-out starts on the 15 March to 29 March. Tranche 4 roll-out from 29 March to 12 April. The allocated trial doses are very limited and have been set aside for Out of Hospital Healthcare Professionals currently.

Please see the process points below. Our goal is to ensure every single HCW and all South Africans have access to a vaccine and we will continue to work diligently with NDOH and the Vaccination committees to support achieving this goal.

Yours sincerely

Dr Unben Pillay
Vaccines for Health Care Workers



1. All HCW must be registered on both the EVDS system and V4HCW to ensure site allocation and eligibility: <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za>
2. Family Medical Practitioners to register on V4HCW database: <https://v4hwc.co.za/>
3. Independent Specialists, Dentists, Oral hygienists & Dental Therapists are still able to individually self-register on V4HCW portal: <http://register.v4hwc.co.za>
4. For all other groups and associations we have created the option to do a bulk upload for your verified and risk stratified members. Please email your completed list to: registrations@v4hwc.co.za

All lists must be submitted before Friday this week and before Friday next week. We will do a bulk upload to the EVDS system to generate an individual Voucher and an individual Scheduling appointment. This appointment will indicate Site, Date and Time of vaccination.

5. Non HCW, Practice staff or admin staff, will NOT be included in the SISONKE trial, but they will however all be included in the Phase 1B national rollout and we will communicate this start date soon. All Phase 1B will be able to receive their vaccinations at designated Pharmacies sites across the country.
6. Please take your Voucher number, Identity document and Proof of Regulatory body registration (e.g.: HPCSA) with to the vaccination site.
7. For clinical information regarding COVID-19 vaccines please click on: <https://v4hwc.beepdsmart.com/card/v4hwc-zaf-directory>
8. Please tweet a picture: #vaccines4hwc to show your appreciation to SAMRC, NDOH and to all the volunteer staff who have assisted us when you receive a Vaccination.
9. Allied Healthcare workers, Nurses and other eligible HCP will be assisted in the next tranche.

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