

HEALTH

Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Communications priorities

23 – 29 October 2023

This report is for communicators promoting the uptake of the COVID-19 vaccination programme. We hope it will help guide you as you shape communication to best suit your audience.

HEADLINES FOR THIS PERIOD

- A reminder to get your second Pfizer dose before 31 October. The J&J stock will still be available across the country until 2024 and you can still come and vaccinate.
- Looking for your closest vaccination site? Call the National Health Hotline (it's free) 0800 029 999 or visit the website sacoronavirus.co.za.
- If your child is between 5 and 11 years of age and has an existing health condition check with your doctor if they qualify for the paediatric Covid-19 vaccine.



OCTOBER 24
**WORLD
POLIO
DAY**

A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR MOTHERS & CHILDREN

Polio, a highly infectious disease, can cause lifelong paralysis and even death, especially in children under five. However, we have made significant progress towards eliminating polio globally.

This year's theme is a reminder that we must continue our efforts to eradicate polio and protect future generations. Ensure that your children receive all routine vaccinations, including for polio. Immunisation protects children from preventable diseases and contributes to a polio-free future.

Covid-19 vaccines still matter. Don't forget to get yours.

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NATIONAL HEALTH HOTLINE
0800 029 999

www.sacoronavirus.co.za

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Reinforce Previous Messages

- There's still time to get your second Pfizer vaccine before stock expires at the end of October.
- Call the National Health Hotline and speak to a nurse if you have a health related question – 0800 029 999.
- Is the food that you eat nutritious? Ask your health provider what food is best as it's not just about having enough food, but also about what we eat.



Progress with the Vaccination Rollout



Progress by 22 October 2023

39,216,844

Covid-19 vaccines have been administered

	At least one dose	%
% eligible pop.	22 853 573	49.64%
60+	3 680 033	66.84%
50-59 yrs	3 175 429	65.92%
35-49 yrs	6 500 574	55.62%
18-34 yrs	7 283 096	40.94%
12-17 yrs	2 209 223	35.39%
Booster doses	4 513 207	

Looking for a vaccination site?
0800 029 999 * sacoronavirus.co.za

Interventions & Updates

TIKTOK LIVE



Vaping The Facts

WITH **DR SAIRA**

25 OCT 2023

TIME 7PM

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Our TikTok Handle: @kereadysa

0640 029 0000 | 0800 029 999 | www.keready.co.za | @kereadysa

EYE CARE AWARENESS MONTH

21 SEPT - 18 OCT

Your eyes are like windows to the world, allowing you to enjoy all the beautiful sights around you. Good eye health is vital for learning, working, and living your best life.

Regular eye exams can detect potential issues early on. Go for regular eye screenings, especially if you're experiencing any vision changes or discomfort.



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22-28 OCT

INTERNATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

END LEAD POISONING IN CHILDREN

Lead poisoning, especially in children, is a threat to their development and long-term health. It can lead to cognitive impairments, learning difficulties, behavioural problems, and even damage to vital organs.

Old paint, soil, and water pipes in your home can be the source of lead poisoning. Take steps to reduce exposure.



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28 OCT - 3 NOV

NATIONAL STROKE Week

Recognising these signs is important for quick action. The acronym F.A.S.T. is an easy way to remember them:

- FACE DROOPING:** Check if one side of the face is drooping or feels numb. Ask the person to smile and see if their smile looks uneven.
- ARM WEAKNESS:** See if one arm is weak or numb. Ask the person to raise both arms and note if one arm drifts downward.
- SPEECH DIFFICULTY:** Listen carefully for slurred speech or trouble speaking. The person may have difficulty finding the right words or speaking clearly.
- TIME:** Call, seek help at first sight of stroke.



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October BREAST CANCER Awareness Month

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES!

Perform regular self-examinations and seek professional medical advice if anything feels unusual.



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