

HEALTH

Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Communications priorities

9 – 15 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

- Get your second Pfizer vaccine before the end of October, which is when the current stock expires.
- The J&J vaccine is still available until February 2024.
- Children (5-11 years-old), who have certain chronic health conditions, can get the Covid-19 paediatric vaccine until Dec 2023.
- Have a health question? Call the National Health Hotline and speak to a nurse - 0800 029 999.

15 OCT

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

CLEAN HANDS ARE WITHIN REACH

We want to remind everyone that keeping our hands clean is one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent spreading diseases, including those caused by germs and viruses.

By washing our hands well with soap and clean water, we can protect ourselves, our families, and our communities from harmful infections.

Let's come together and promote good hand hygiene practices in our homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. Together, we can make a difference!

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

www.findmyjob.co.za

For your closest vaccination site:

National Health Hotline 0800 029 999 - sacoronavirus.co.za - findmyjob.co.za

Reinforce Previous Messages

- You can still get vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine until 31 October and we encourage you to come for your second vaccine before then. The J&J vaccine will continue to be available until February 2024.
- Ask about the vaccines when next at the clinic or call the National Health Hotline 0800 029 999.
- Children between 5 and 11 years who have chronic health conditions, can get the Covid-19 paediatric vaccine, ask if your child qualifies.
- Regular health checks are important to care for your overall health.



Progress with the Vaccination Rollout



Progress by 8 October 2023

39,189,608 Covid-19 vaccines have been administered

	At least one dose	%
% eligible pop.	22 846 089	49.62%
60+	3 679 727	66.84%
50-59 yrs	3 174 950	65.91%
35-49 yrs	6 498 546	55.61%
18-34 yrs	7 278 874	40.92%
12-17 yrs	2 208 774	35.38%
Booster doses	4 506 666	

9,071 vaccines administered in the last 7 days.

4,272 first dose, 1,000 Pfizer second dose and 3,253 general booster dose, 546 continuous booster dose

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

Interventions & Updates

9 - 15 OCT
NATIONAL NUTRITION WEEK



- 1 Eat a balanced diet
- 2 Limit processed foods & added sugars
- 3 Stay hydrated
- 4 Be mindful of your portion sizes.
- 5 Cook meals at home
- 6 Get active

Stay healthy, stay nourished, and enjoy National Nutrition Week!

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10 OCT
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

MENTAL HEALTH IS A UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHT



Let us strive to create supportive environments that foster mental well-being and promote holistic approaches to mental health care.

We also encourage everyone to educate themselves and raise awareness about mental health issues, reducing stigma, and promoting understanding. It is through open dialogue, compassion, and empathy that we can create a society that supports and uplifts individuals with mental health challenges.

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12 OCTOBER

WORLD ARTHRITIS DAY



Arthritis affects millions worldwide, causing pain, stiffness, and limiting daily activities.

Let's stand together to spread knowledge and support those affected by this condition.

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12 OCTOBER

WORLD SIGHT DAY

LOVE YOUR EYES AT WORK



Our eyes are invaluable assets, allowing us to perform our duties effectively and enjoy life fully. Let's spread awareness and proactively protect our precious vision at work.

If your work involves hazardous environments or tasks, wear appropriate eye protection, such as safety goggles, helmets, or shields. This applies to industries like construction, manufacturing, or healthcare.

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Health Calendar

This week we also raise awareness about:

- 8-14 National Case Management Week
- 12-20 World Bone and Joint Week
- 13 Int. Day Natural Disaster Reduction
- 14 World Hospice & Palliative Care Day
- 15 Global Handwashing Day

Contact:

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TIKTOK LIVE



LET'S BREAK STEREOTYPES:
DOWN SYNDROME

WITH DR DINEO

11 OCT 2023

TIME 7PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY

Our TikTok Handle: [@kreadysa](https://www.tiktok.com/@kreadysa)

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