

# COVID-19 VACCINE ROLLOUT

## MEMBERS AGED 18 - 34



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President Cyril Ramaphosa recently announced that South Africa's vaccine rollout will open for persons aged 18 to 34 years as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. All Platinum Health eligible beneficiaries in this age group can register from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 on the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS).

### How to register on EVDS?

1. Connect to the internet and go to <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za>
2. You will be directed to the portal that asks: "Are you 18 years and older?" - Answer YES
3. Proceed with registration by completing your correct details.
4. Once finished, the system will send an SMS to the cell phone number you provided. The SMS will confirm that you are registered.
5. When it is your turn to be vaccinated, the system will send you another SMS with a date and the place where you will be vaccinated.

### Make sure you have the following information with you when you register

1. Your Identity number
2. Your Medical Scheme Membership number
3. Your Cell Phone number.
4. The Address where you live.

### How do I register if I do not have access to the internet?

- Members without online access or a smartphone can register through SMS by dialing \*134\*832#
- WhatsApp the word REGISTER to 0600 123 456

SMS and WhatsApp registration services are zero-rated; there is no need to have data or airtime to access the service. Based on your registration details, the EVDS system will issue you with your unique voucher number when it is your turn to be vaccinated. **Without this voucher, you will not be eligible for vaccination.**

### Why should you I get the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine teaches our immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. It typically takes 2 weeks after vaccination for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. **By getting the jab, you not only protect yourself, but also those closest to you!**

### Does the vaccine work in everyone?

Worldwide, vaccines save at least 2 to 3 million lives each year and protect many more from lifelong illnesses. Millions of people have now received COVID-19 vaccines all over the world. **There's strong, reliable evidence that COVID-19 vaccines greatly reduce your risk of getting COVID-19 and protect you from serious complications of the illness.**

- If you get COVID-19, you also risk giving it to loved ones who may get very sick.
- Make the right choice.
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer choice.