

COVID-19 VACCINE ROLLOUT

MEMBERS AGED 50 AND ABOVE



Acting Health Minister, Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane, has announced that people aged 50 and above will get the chance to receive their COVID-19 vaccines from 15 July 2021. All Platinum Health eligible beneficiaries can register from 1 July 2021 on the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS).

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 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 50 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 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.

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.

How does the EVDS system decide which vaccination site to send you to for an appointment?

The system will automatically allocate a site to you that is close to the home or work address that you entered. In urban areas, it will allocate a site within 10km of that address and in rural areas a centre within 30km of where you live or work. The time that you choose to be vaccinated when you registered such as the morning or afternoon during weekdays or weekends affects the availability and scheduling of your appointment.

Can I choose which vaccine I want to be vaccinated with?

Not at this stage, South Africa's national rollout currently uses both the J&J vaccine along with Pfizer's vaccine. There are differences between the two vaccines which will influence how they get distributed across the country. For instance, the vaccines have different cold chain requirements and are also packaged with a different number of doses per pack. Pfizer doses will mainly be used in metros, as these sites can reach a larger number of people and Pfizer requires freezers that are not always readily available in rural areas.

How much will Platinum Health pay for the vaccination and its administration?

The COVID-19 vaccination has been declared as Prescribed Minimum Benefit (PMB) level of care and Medical Schemes are required to fund the full cost of the vaccine and the administration thereof.

All claims for the COVID-19 vaccine will be submitted by the vaccine site. Members will not be submitting claims to the medical scheme. Members should also not pay anything for the vaccine.

Platinum Health will continue updating our members as the vaccine rollout unfolds.