



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

# COVID-19

## VACCINE ROLLOUT

25<sup>th</sup> February 2021



health

Department of Health  
**NORTHERN CAPE**

# Vaccination is government's highest priority

- Our target is to vaccinate 67 per cent of the population in order to achieve community immunity
- In the Northern Cape this is just under 900 000 people
- The vaccine rollout will take a three-phased approach, that begins with the most vulnerable in our population:
  - *Phase 1 will be for healthcare workers, starting with patient-facing personnel*
  - *Phase 2 will see us vaccinate*
    - essential workers
    - people in congregate settings
    - people over 60 years, and
    - people over 18 years with co-morbidities
  - *Phase 3 will focus on the remaining population.*



# Sisonke (Together) Early Access Programme

- South Africa is rapidly moving to protect its highly valued healthcare workers through the Sisonke Early Access Programme
- The WHO reports that healthcare workers are an especially vulnerable group
- A threat to their safety and wellbeing has a further impact on the health systems capacity to deal with people with COVID-19 during the pandemic
- The JnJ vaccine provides 57% protection against moderate-severe disease, 85% protection against severe disease and 100% protection against death, based on evidence from the clinical trials that included South African participants
- On Tuesday, 16 February 2021, a total of 80 000 Johnson and Johnson vaccine doses arrived in South Africa

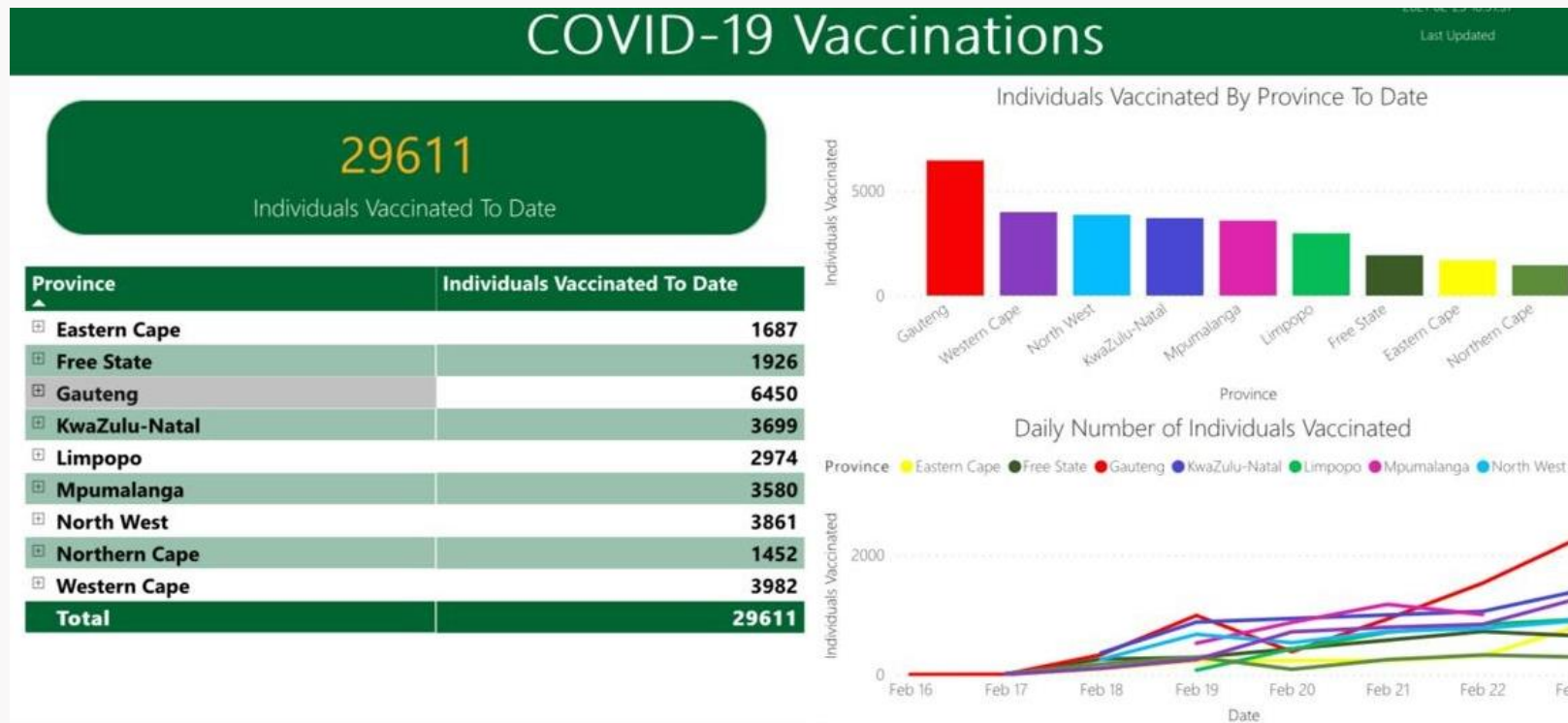


# Sisonke Kicked off in Kimberley on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

- On Wed 17th Feb, 3 920 doses of the JnJ vaccine were landed at Kimberley airport
- That morning the special consignment was delivered under police escort to the vaccination site at Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe hospital
- On Wed afternoon the first 20 frontline healthcare workers were vaccinated
- As more vaccines are allocated to the province, the vaccination programme will roll out to all frontline health care workers as part of Phase 1
- This will be followed by Phase 2 for essential workers and vulnerable people
- We plan to complete all other residents in the province during Phase 3 by the end of the year



# Vaccinated so far (23 Feb)



Day	People
Wed 17th	20
Thur 18th	176
Fri 19th	294
Sat 20th	89
Sun 21st	251
Mon 22nd	328
Tue 23rd	294
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1452</b>

Public Sector	Private Sector
936	516

# Sisonke: Immediate Steps in Phase 1

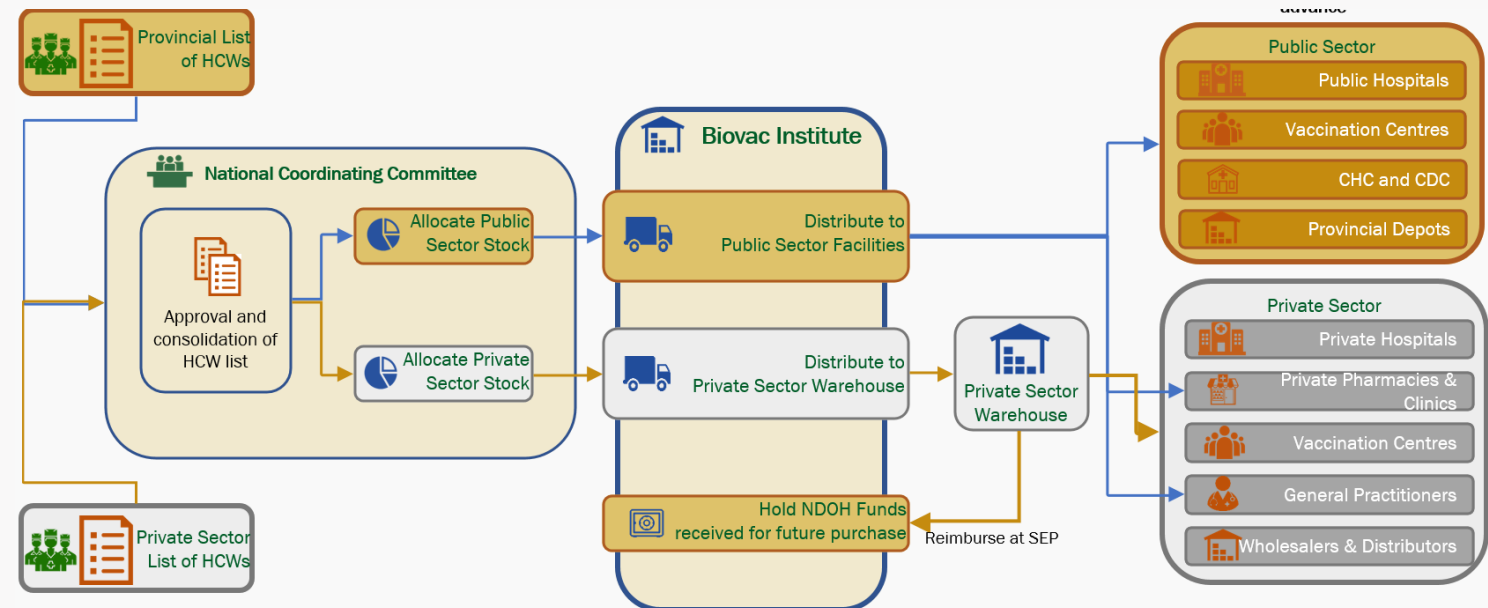
- First steps
  - *Kimberley: Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital (public)*
    - Started 17<sup>th</sup> Feb and will continue
- Next steps: add four more sites – **waiting confirmation from MRC/NDoH:**
  - *Kimberley: LenMed Royal Heart Hospital (private)*
    - 440 doses – trial supported by Clinical HIV Research Unit, Johannesburg
  - *Upington: Dr Harry Surtie Hospital (public) – 400 doses*
    - 400 doses – trial supported by Clinical HIV Research Unit, Johannesburg
  - *Kuruman: Kuruman Hospital (public) – 400 doses*
    - 400 doses – trial supported by Clinical HIV Research Unit, Johannesburg
  - *De Aar: Central Karoo Hospital (public) – 400 doses*
    - 400 doses – trial supported by Josha Research CRS, Bloemfontein

# After Sisonke: Rollout of Phase 1

- Once the Sisonke Study is complete, the JNJ (and perhaps other) vaccines will be rolled out to all healthcare workers under Phase 1
- Implementation Timeframes:
  - *Primary vaccination sites for Phase 1 have been identified across the province*
  - *From these vaccination sites, outreach sites have been identified with District and Hospital Managers (Micro plans)*

## ■ Launch and Future Rollout:

- *Frances Baard: RMSH*
- *ZFM: DSHS*
- *All District Hospitals*
- *Remaining sites*

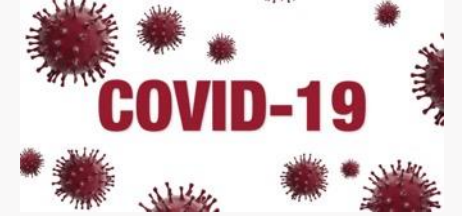


# Vaccination Sites: Rollout of Phase 1

Facility Name	Responsible Pharmacist
Dr Abraham Esau Hospital	Mr J Wait P24089
Dr Van Niekerk Hospital	Ms G Valentyn P18851
Kakamas Hospital	Ms M Visagie P26790
Postmasburg Hospital	Ms H Retief P46608
Keimoes Hospital	P Husselman P22994
De Aar Hospital	Dr J Fakee P31585
Kuruman Hospital	Ms C Smit P40095
Dr Harry Surtie Hospital	Ms A van Niekerk

Facility Name	Responsible Pharmacist
Hartswater Hospital	Ms KC Maseko P30088
Jan Kempdorp CHC	Ms L De Klerk P21616
Warrenton CHC	Ms LN Kene P45750
Galeshewe Day Hospital	Ms KT Thobeli P21361
Prof ZK Matthews Hospital	Ms J Vassen P01232
Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital	Ms TL Mulovhedzi P16335
Dr. Arthur Letele Medical Logistic Centre	Ms. R. Mangwarara



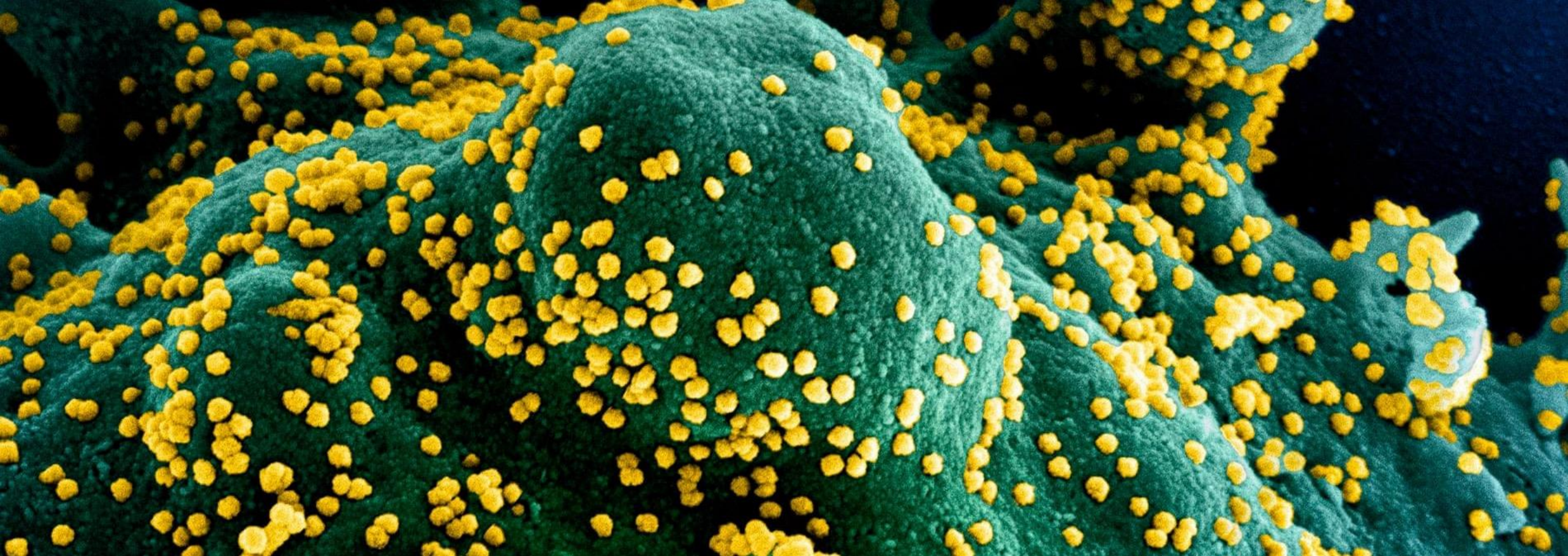


# Communication Strategy

- Give correct and credible information to ensure that communities are not influenced by misinformation, myths or misconceptions
- Address concerns leading to Vaccine Hesitancy
- Provide correct, consistent and timely information on available vaccines (availability, safety, timelines) and vaccination processes
- Generate awareness and understanding of the phased approach and prioritising of target groups
- Mitigate adverse events; Build public confidence

*Websites, Social media, Radio, Leaflets, Roadshows*





Thank you

