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Dear Member

The national COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan will soon move to Phase 2 which aims to vaccinate those at the highest risk for severe COVID-19 infection. People over the age of 60 will be vaccinated in Phase 2A which is expected to start in May 2021 and run until the end of July. Even if you have already had COVID-19, it is advisable to get a vaccine.

### **Registration for the vaccine**

The Minister of Health, Dr Mkhize officially launched the Covid-19 Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) which is available to the general public. At this stage all citizens aged 60 years and above are invited to register for vaccination on the following link: <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>

Registering on the EVDS will allow the vaccination team to communicate with you and schedule vaccinations to be administered at a place and date that is convenient for you.

### **Vaccination will take place at specified centres**

Vaccinations will take place at identified GP facilities, pharmacy clinics, travel clinics, nursing homes and frail care centres. The registration process will guide you to the vaccination centre nearest to you.

### **We will cover your vaccine in full**

The COVID-19 vaccine will be covered as a Prescribed Minimum Benefit. This means that it will not impact your other benefits.

### **You should leave at least 14 days between your flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine**

Flu season has begun and it is advised that everyone over the age of 60 be vaccinated as soon as possible. Please ensure you leave at least 14 days between getting the flu vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine to prevent side-effects and ensure that the vaccines are optimised.

We will keep you updated as things develop. In the interim, please continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly and continue to wear a face mask.

Kind regards

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