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Dear Member,

Subject: Vaccinate – for yourself, for your family and for all of SA

Have you played your part in conquering COVID-19? Close on 16 million COVID vaccine doses have been administered in South Africa with over 8 million people now fully vaccinated. Protect yourself, your family and all of SA and get your jab.

Cost-free and convenient

You have nothing to pay – the vaccine is covered from the scheme’s risk pool, and it will not affect your benefits. Furthermore, you can now choose when and where to receive your vaccine when booking.

Young? Healthy? Here’s why you should still vaccinate

Recent studies have shown that unvaccinated people are five times more likely to get infected than people who have been vaccinated, 10 to 29 times more likely to be hospitalised, and 11 times more likely to die.

- The Delta variant spreads faster and more widely than previous forms of the virus. Doctors are seeing even young and healthy people landing up in hospital with serious disease.
- Being vaccinated reduces your chances of infection, of severe illness and death, of long COVID and of passing the virus on.
- Important celebrations, December beach holidays and a more normal existence in general – all are within our reach, we simply need to act now and vaccinate.

How do I register or book?

- All private vaccination sites now accept walk-ins of anyone over 18 years with a valid ID, passport or asylum seeker’s permit.
- Register on the EVDS by following this link <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za> and save time when getting vaccinated.
- Once registered, you can also choose when and where to receive your vaccination by visiting <https://vaccine.booking.health.gov.za/>
 - Enter your ID number, non-RSA passport number or Asylum Seeker/Refugee number that you used to register on the EVDS.
 - Receive a One Time Password on the cell number used to register.
 - Confirm your preferred location of vaccination.

Those over the age of 60 and those with appointments will be prioritised.

Continue to stay safe

- Avoid social gatherings.
- Wear a mask that properly covers your mouth and nose when out – change it daily.
- Thoroughly wash and sanitise your hands throughout the day.

Together, we can beat COVID-19

Sincerely,
WCMAS Team