



FREE STATE PROVINCE

STAY SAFE WEEKLY

THE FREE STATE PROVINCE'S COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

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PROVINCIAL COVID-19 STATISTICS AS OF 13 JUNE 2021

CONFIRMED CASES - 107 201

TOTAL DEATHS - 4572

RECOVERIES - 87%

VACCINATIONS - 94 495

PROVINCIAL BUILDINGS CLOSED FOR COVID-19 DECONTAMINATION THIS WEEK:

- 9 JUNE : METPOL BUILDING (SAPS PROVINCIAL HEAD OFFICE)
- 9 JUNE : SELOSESHA SAPS
- 9 JUNE : DEALESVILLE SAPS
- 11 JUNE : FOUNTAIN BUILDING



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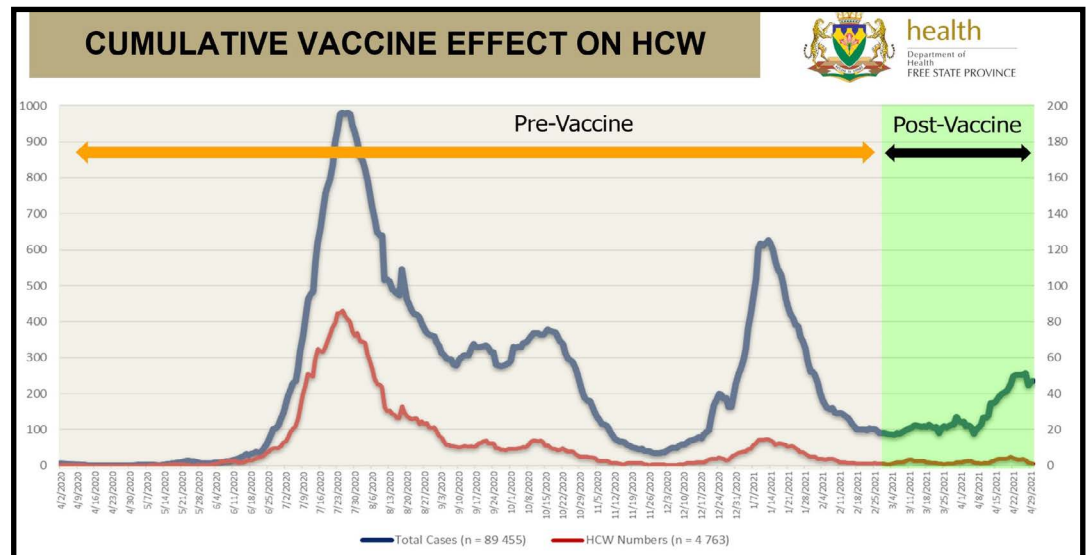
VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

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Early stats show drastic decrease in infections amongst vaccinated FS Healthcare workers

Vaccines save lives! That is the sharp message that can be derived from the latest Covid-19 statistics. According to the Free State, Department of Health preliminary Covid-19 statistics reflect that significantly less healthcare workers have been infected with Covid-19 since the beginning of the Province's vaccine rollout.

The FS Department of Health launched phase 1 the vaccine rollout in March. The first phase of the rollout was targeted at healthcare workers. Early statistics reflect a steady decline in Covid-19 infections amongst healthcare workers despite an obvious increase in community transmissions during the same period.



While the graph only reflects the onset of the vaccine rollout, the Department of Health has wel-

comed the positive outcome, despite it being early. Unvaccinated Healthcare workers around Free

State are still encouraged to register and get vaccinated for Covid-19 vaccines.

FS is set to receive 16 800 doses of the J&J vaccine

The Free State is set to receive 16 800 of the 300 000 Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccines which are destined for South Africa.

According to a statement released by South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA), on 31 March 2021 the regulator officially registered and authorised the J&J Covid-19 vaccine for commercial use.

The authorisation is, however, subject to a number of conditions which include that the vaccine

should be manufactured under conditions of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) as determined by SAHPRA and aligned with global best practice.

On 11 June 2021 the United States Food and Drug Administration



(USFDA) only authorised two batches of the J&J vaccine, coming from their Baltimore plant in the United States.

The United States regulator further determined that several other batches of the vaccines are not suitable for use.

In response to the concerns raised by USFDA,

SAHPRA reviewed the data and determined to not release two million doses produced using the ingredients from the Baltimore plant. SAHPRA has issued a statement reassuring South Africans that all J&J vaccines that are coming to South Africa have all been deemed safe for use by the USFDA.

Following their arrival on SA shores they will also undergo further stringent testing before being approved and administered.

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SAHPRA VACCINE SCRAP LEADS TO LESS DOSES IN FREE STATE

Following the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority's (SAHPRA) decision to scrap 2 million doses of the J&J Covid-19 vaccine which were impacted by contamination; the Free State will now receive less vaccines. Instead of receiving 24 000 vaccine doses of the J&J vaccine, the Province

will now only receive 16 800 doses.

The expected J&J vaccine doses are earmarked for Education officials, as the beneficiaries of the next phase of the vaccine roll-out.

The FS Department of Education will now have to prioritise the front line employees of the department



to ensure that those who are most in need of the vaccines receive them. Unlike with the first phase of the vaccine rollout, educators will not be able to

self-register on EVDS. In an effort to limit fraudulent registrations, educators will instead be bulk uploaded onto the system by the department.

PUBLIC SERVANTS GET JABBED!



Up to 70 public servants received Covid-19 jabs this week after the FS Department of Health turned the OR Tambo Building, in Bloemfontein into a temporary vaccine site.

The vaccine site which was opened from 9-11 June

2021 was targeted at Free State Provincial Government employees who are 60 years old and above.

For the whole week, qualified health practitioners were stationed in the Adelaide Tambo Boardroom to attend to Covid-19 re-



lated queries while also supporting vaccine registrations.

The initiative was part of an effort by the Department of Health to bring services closer to government employees.

Qualifying members of the

public service who were not able to receive vaccinations at the OR Tambo Building are still encouraged to visit any of the Provinces' vaccine sites and get the Covid-19 jab.

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GCIS VACCINE AWARENESS TRUCK ROCKS FREE STATE!

This week GCIS heightened efforts to register people for Covid-19 vaccines, while also creating awareness around Coronavirus.

The GCIS initiative included a digital truck moving across the Province with local drama groups that presented shows at 10 sites including taxi ranks

and shopping malls.

The successful roadshow ended with 530 people being registered to receive Covid-19 vaccines.

Hundreds of people also received Covid-19 education through the leaflets, posters, masks and reflector car guard vests which were also distribut-

ed.

The truck will now move to other parts of the country.

The GCIS effort was in collaboration with Municipalities, Health WITS Research Consortium, Red Cross, CDWs, Community media and University of the Free State.

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Jacosdal Taxi Rank
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Koffiefontein Taxi Rank
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Rocklands, Bloemfontein
9 June 2021



Ficksburg
10 June 2021



Qwaqwa
10 June 2021



Virginia Taxi Rank
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Ficksburg Taxi Rank
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Maokeng Mall, Kroonstad
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