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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Intensifying COVID-19 vaccine awareness

By Zukiswa Mqumbisa and Noluvuyo Mangweni: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with the Eastern Cape Department of Health conducted radio interviews on uMhlobo Wenene FM, Ndlambe FM and Kouga FM, on 12, 13 and 16 July 2021 respectively, to educate communities about COVID-19 vaccine and regulations.

Dr Luvuyo Bayeni, medical specialist and technical advisor to the Eastern Cape Health MEC, educated the audience on the various COVID-19 mutations and reassured them about the credibility of the COVID-19 vaccines.

He told the audience that both the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have undergone quality checks and are suitable for use and will assist in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalisation and death.

Dr Bayeni continued to mention that it is one of government's priorities to ensure that these vaccines are safe to use under any circumstance; such as that of the mutation of the virus.

The interviews also focused on plans that are put in place to curb the spread of COVID-19 infections in the Eastern Cape. The discussions also delved on chances of infections when one is vaccinated, plans of going to the rural areas to vaccinate communities and how the vaccine helps the immune system.

"The Department of Health is now going to focus on rural areas. We also have plans in place to make sure that we reach out to everyone, working with our traditional leaders. We want to make sure that people vaccinate especially the elderly," said Dr Bayeni.

He also encouraged people to continue using non-pharmaceutical interventions. "I want to emphasise to our community that being vaccinated is not a warrant for non-adherence/compliance to the non-pharmacological methods such as wearing of masks, washing of hands and social distancing," added Dr Bayeni.

Community members who are 35 years and above are encouraged to register for vaccination using the WhatsApp line 060 012 3456 or the SMS line *134*832* ID number #, or through the link:

<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>.



Radio interview at Kouga FM on COVID-19 vaccine awareness.



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COVID-19 vaccine registration details for 35-year-olds and above:

Online at:
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Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.
Via SMS by dialling *134*832#.
Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

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COVID-19 vaccination in Tweeling

By Morena Motloutng: GCIS, Free State

The citizens of Mafahlaneng in Tweeling, who are aged 50 years and above received their first doses of vaccination on 15 July 2021 at Mafahlaneng Community Hall. About 150 people were vaccinated.

This came as the Department of Health works tirelessly to realise its objective to achieve herd immunity across all towns in the region.

The Nursing Manager of Mafube Hospital, Mamosa Tlopo stated that their target was met as they made zero wastage of the allocated doses owing to positive response from the community that was witnessed through farm dwellers travelling for their vaccination at the same centre.

The Government Communication and Information System was lauded by the nursing manager for leading community mobilisation programmes, and the Mafube Local Municipality was also praised for always ensuring that municipal vaccination stations are always clean and tidy.

The local ward councillor led the youthful members of the community in Mafahlaneng to respond positively to the official opening of the vaccination for people aged between 35 and 49, by registering and receiving his first dose along with those aged 50 years and above.



The ward councillor receiving his first dose of vaccination.



Health officials screening patients before vaccination.



John Ndaba said:

“I am happy that I have registered for vaccination. It was easy because I got the assistance I needed to register.”



Lindiwe Khumalo said:

“I am happy that I have registered for vaccination and I urge everyone to register and vaccinate. It was easy because I was assisted to register.”

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Government conducts health outreach

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng

The Government Communication and Information System in collaboration with stakeholders embarked on a health service delivery outreach at Greenfields in the Ekurhuleni Metro on 21 July 2021.

The aim of the outreach was to heighten awareness, encourage community members to check their health status, help with registration to vaccinate and encourage adherence to COVID-19 regulations and non-pharmaceutical health protocols.

During the outreach and walkabout, community members were assisted to register for COVID-19 vaccination on Electronic Vaccination Data System.



Stakeholder exhibition stalls providing services and information to communities.

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COVID-19 awareness campaigns continue

By Rapelang Motlagomang: GCIS, North West

The North West Provincial Command Council on COVID-19 continued to intensify the awareness campaigns on the pandemic, across the province on 16 July 2021.

MECs were deployed to various districts across the province to ensure compliance to the COVID-19 regulations.

In the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District, the awareness campaign was led by Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Sello Lehari, Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Desbo Mohono and the Executive Mayor of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Councillor Barei Mosiane-Segotso.

The campaign started with a joint operation roadblock on the N12 conducted by the South African Police Service, South African National Defence Force, and local traffic officials.

The provincial delegation then proceeded to the Tower Mall and Matlosana Mall respectively, where they discovered that certain supermarkets were not compliant to COVID-19 regulations as they had more customers inside than permitted.

A strong warning was given to the management of the shops and the team did not leave the site until all the shops complied with the regulations.

The MECs emphasised the significance of adherence to the COVID-19 regulations to centre managers where the supermarkets are operating from, and encouraged them to oversee compliance of the shops.

The visit to the Terminus Taxi Rank was the last stop. MEC Lehari addressed the public and taxi operators on commuter safety during the pandemic.

He applauded the taxi drivers and different taxi associations working together with the community for being proactive in protecting the various facilities in Klerksdorp from being looted.

“The community of Matlosana and the communities in different towns across the province did well to protect their shopping centres during the recent looting activities. I would like to encourage the communities to continue standing together for a good cause. These facilities benefit us as members of the community and their destruction would take us a few steps back as a nation,” said MEC Lehari.



MEC Sello Lehari engaging with motorists at a roadblock during the awareness campaign.



Government leaders at the Terminus Taxi Rank addressing the community on the importance of compliance.