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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Government registers senior citizens for vaccination

By Robbie Senoelo: GCIS, Gauteng

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with other stakeholders held a community activation at Atteridgeville in Nkomo Village Mall, on 28 May 2021, to mobilise the community members to register for the COVID-19 vaccination.

The events also offered the online registration service on the spot through the Electronic Vaccination Data System, and distributed information material on COVID-19 vaccination registration platforms and processes.

Government officials encouraged behavioural change for the public to adhere to COVID-19 health protocols, and encouraged them to register for the vaccination across communities in Tshwane, Atteridgeville in particular.

After being successfully registered, Moruti Raphahlela expressed his relief and said that he was looking forward to being vaccinated. I am very happy that I have registered to get vaccinated, as I am old and therefore I am scared of contracting the COVID-19," he said.

The activation also encouraged social cohesion as part of Africa Month. The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition provided information on economic opportunities, such as the registration of companies and training provided by the department.



Government officials assisting senior citizens to register for the COVID-19 vaccination at Nkomo Village Mall in Atteridgeville.



A government official, George Moeketsi, distributing information material to community members.









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COVID-19 vaccine registration details for 60-year-olds and above:

Online at:

https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/ 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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Donation of fuel and sanitisers

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System supported the Emalahleni Local Municipality as SASOL donated fuel and sanitisers to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic, on 18 May 2021. The donation was done as part of SASOL's social responsibility to support government with the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out plan.

SASOL made a generous donation of sanitisers amounting to 500 litres and fuel amounting to 34 000 litres towards rendering of critical service delivery for directorates such as environmental and waste division, technical services and law-enforcement vehicles of the Emalahleni Local Municipality.

Speaking on behalf of SASOL, the organisation's vice president, Mashudu Ndou, said, "We are looking forward to future projects that will assist communities and boost economic recovery, as we are all aware of the damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Emalahleni Mayor, Councillor Linah Malatjie welcomed the partnership and donation. She further encouraged the community to continue to wear masks in public, wash or sanitise their hands regularly, and to keep a safe social distancing with others.





SASOL vice president, Mashudu Ndou, donating petrol and sanitisers to Emalahleni Local Municipality.







Stanley Tsebe said:

"I appreciate the opportunity provided by government to us old people to get the vaccine. Lives have been lost due to this pandemic. I am happy that I will be vaccinated today."



John Mokwena said:

"I am so happy that finally, I will also get vaccination today. I encourage other older persons to register for the vaccination and also continue to wear masks, wash hands and avoid over crowded places to fight the

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Limpopo launches COVID-19 vaccine

By Maria Ramoshaba: GCIS, Limpopo





Government continues with the roll-out of the second phase of the COVID-19 vaccination targeting citizens aged 60 years and above. The phase commenced with the administering of the Pfizer vaccine to people who have successfully registered on the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) link: https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/.

Limpopo Premier Stanley Mathabatha and Health MEC Phophi Ramathuba led the launch of the second phase of the vaccination at Mokopane Hospital in Waterberg District Municipality, on 17 May 2021.

"We encourage all the people who are 60 years and older to register for vaccine through the EVDS," the Premier said.



Only those who have registered will be vaccinated. The vaccination is aimed at protecting citizens against the COVID-19 and reduce mortality.

Vaccination does not mean that a person will not contract the virus again. Hence, it is important that people continue to wear their masks, sanitise or wash their hands and observe social distance.

Premier Mathabatha appealed to community members to register to avoid long queues and wait for an SMS from the Department of Health inviting them to go to a vaccination site. The Premier and his wife, Maggie Mathabatha, together with the Executive Mayors of Waterberg District and Mogalakwena Local Municipality were among those who were vaccinated during the launch.





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COVID-19 vaccination at Biyela Thusong Service Centre

By Zukiswa Mapete: GCIS, Thusong Service Centre Programme

The Biyela Thusong Service Centre continues to be the anchor service point to the community of Biyela in uMlalazi Local Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.

One of the requirements to have a Thusong Service Centre in an area or municipality is accessing the needs and the widespread population of the community surrounding the area in order to ensure feasibility of centre operations.

Since the inception of the Biyela Thusong Service Centre, a huge strain has been taken away from the community because services are accessible closer to where people live.

On 26 May 2021, the Biyela Thusong Service Centre commenced with the first of the three days vaccination programme for senior citizens. uMlalazi senior citizens were mobilised to visit the centre to get vaccination.

Facilitated by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health, health workers from Catherine Booth Hospital, vaccinated a total number of 83 senior citizens on the first day.

The Thusong Service Centre programme of Government provides "Integrated approach of government services at your doorstep".



Biyela Thusong Service Centre manager assisting healthcare workers with documents while a senior citizen gets the vaccine.



Health workers unpacking material at the recovery area for those who received vaccination.