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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Oudtshoorn vaccination registration day

By Jetrho Grootboom: GCIS, Western Cape

The Government Communication and Information System collaborated with the Western Cape Department of Health to host a Vaccination Registration Open Day at the Oudtshoorn Clinic on 25 June 2021.

Senior citizens who are 60 years and above were registered for the COVID-19 vaccination on the Electronic Vaccination Data System through *134*832# from a mobile phone.

The station manager of Heart Beat FM, Pastor Christo Nel bravely spoke about his exposure and subsequent recovery from the COVID-19, while a retired teacher and former councillor at the Oudtshoorn Municipality, Japie Coetzee, shared his experience about the vaccination process with the audience.

The Waboomskraal Thusong Service Centre, Heart Beat FM, Independent Electoral Commission, and Child Welfare, as stakeholders, formed part of the programme to heighten awareness on the COVID-19 protocols and vaccination programme.

The communication campaign was grounded on the need to effect behavioural change around good hygiene, wearing of cloth masks and keeping social distancing. Community members were given COVID-19 information leaflets and other information material.



Senior citizens, health workers and stakeholders who were part of the vaccination registration day at the Oudtshoorn Clinic.

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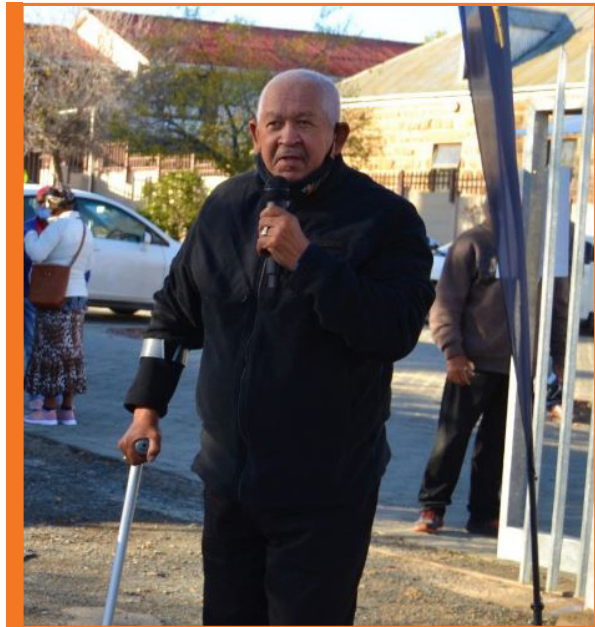
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for 50-year-olds and above:**

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.



Japie Coetsee said:

“The day I went for my first vaccination, was a day that brought hope. Health workers made us feel so comfortable. The process was quickly. After vaccination I was told to sit in another room for about 15 minutes, to ensure that there are no any side effects. I believe that vaccination is the only way to protect ourselves against this pandemic.”



Attie Lewie said:

“I am working for the Thusong Service Centre programme, together with the GCIS, we ensure that our communities receive government services and information that can help them to better their lives. I would like to encourage other community members to get vaccinated.”

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COVID-19 compliance monitoring

By Tinyiko Molefe: GCIS, Gauteng



Reuben Sedibane said:

“It is important that sanitisers meet the recommended standard to be able to protect the community from the COVID-19.”



Zubair Bhamjee said:

“I appreciate the information that was given to me in ensuring that my shop complies with the COVID-19 regulations.”



Gauteng Department of Economic Development officials engaging a shop owner on compliance issues.



Officials from the Gauteng Department of Economic Development and Sedibeng Municipality during compliance monitoring.

As part of COVID-19 compliance monitoring, Sedibeng Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Social Development, Makgomo Raikane, visited Shoprite U-Save and Thabong Mall in Sebokeng on 23 June 2021, accompanied by government officials, compliance and law enforcement officers.

During the visit, the shops were checked and advised on steps to be taken to ensure compliance. The stock in the shops were also checked to ensure that they were of recommended standards as advised by provincial health inspectors.

“Today we are monitoring compliance in the shops and ensure that the shops are following COVID-19 regulations and selling healthy and unexpired products to the community,” said MMC Raikane.

Mpho Mulaudzi from the Gauteng Department of Economic Development said, “This is our second monitoring visit here at Thabong Mall. I am really impressed of the improvement in the shops in terms of compliance and adhering to the regulations.”

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COVID-19 activations in Sarah Baartman District

By Noluvuyo Mangweni: GCIS, Eastern Cape



A drama act on COVID-19 vaccine registration by the Tsitsikamma Bright Stars.



Mayor Deon de Vos addressing the audience.

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with the Eastern Cape Department of Health conducted mobile-truck activations for COVID-19 vaccination awareness in the Sarah Baartman District areas of Tsitsikamma on 14 June, at Port Alfred on 21 June and in Graaff-Reinet on 22 June 2021. These activations formed part of the countrywide government awareness campaign on vaccination registration.

A depiction of the COVID-19 vaccination registration process was done through a drama act, scripted by the GCIS, performed by local drama groups, Tsitsikamma Bright Stars, Ubuchule Foundation and Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Trust.

Residents were empowered on how to access and use the various platforms of Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) to register for COVID-19 vaccination or help those who qualify to register for vaccination. Many of the elderly who attended the activations were already registered and only assisted on follow up enquiries regarding their bookings.

The activations were also attended by the Rural Development and Agrarian Reform MEC Nokqubela Peters, Executive Mayors Khunjuza Kekana of Sarah Baartman District, Mpumelelo Vuso of Kou-Kamma Local Municipality, Khululwa Ncamiso of Ndlambe Local Municipality and Deon de Vos of Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality.

MEC Peters used the opportunity to encourage the community to continue to be vigilant by complying with the non-pharmaceutical measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 such as wearing of masks, social distancing and washing of hands.

Mayor Kekana gave a COVID-19 vaccination testimonial to dispel the myths surrounding the COVID-19 vaccination, indicating that she was left with a few days before receiving her second dose for vaccine.

“I encourage every senior citizen to register to get vaccinated for COVID-19. I am a living testimony that the vaccine is not fatal,” said Mayor Kekana.

Mayor De Vos urged the community to seek valid facts about the vaccine from reliable sources such as the Department of Health.

Government is working tirelessly to ensure that people aged 50 years and above are registered on the EVDS to ensure that they receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Handover of houses in Monontsha

By Phoka Mofokeng: GCIS, Free State.



King Moholo Mopeli cutting the ribbon to handover a newly built house to Sannah Hlongwane.



Two young people holding NHBC certificates that were issued to them for their participation in the construction project.

On 24 June 2021, the Bakoena Royal Council in QwaQwa held a “Youth Build Housing” handover ceremony in partnership with Youth Build and the Department of Human Settlements.

Newly built houses were handed over to three beneficiaries in Monontsha village. This follows the launch of the housing project in Monontsha on 20 May 2021 by King Moholo Mopeli who also led a bricklaying ceremony on the day.

The project was initiated back in 2019 with the aim of assisting government in speeding up process of building houses for communities especially rural communities where mostly the traditional leaders preside over.

The Bakoena Royal Council through its traditional council conducted a needs study around the seven regions in which they preside and in the 61 villages of QwaQwa. Families that needs housing were identified through this process.

During the handover ceremonies, the delegation also planted trees at the three houses to symbolise growth. The houses were fully furnished with necessary basic items and donations such as groceries were also handed to the beneficiaries.

The handover ceremony ended with a community address at Monontsha Multi-Purpose Centre, where King Moholo Mopeli, said that the Bakoena Royal Council is there to assist communities by with providing basic service delivery and, he pleaded with those still without houses that they should be patient and know that their time is coming to receive houses.

King Mopeli also issued the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBC) certificates to two learners who were part of the construction project of the three houses. The NHBC has started a construction training programme for youth and women through the Maluti TVET College to advance their skills in the construction field.