

## MEDIA STATEMENT

**TO: All Media** 

**ATT: News Editors, Health Reporters** 

For immediate release

Sunday, 05 April 2020

## CALLING ON PREGNANT WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY TO RECEIVE FLU VACCINATIONS

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) in the Ekurhuleni District is calling for people to come receive flu vaccinations at any of the local clinics or community health centres (CHCs) from Monday, 06 April 2020.

This call applies to people who have not yet received flu vaccinations. If you have already been vaccinated, please do not present yourself to receive this service. The vaccination is not compulsory but strongly encouraged. The influenza vaccine has no known efficacy against COVID-19, however circulation of flu viruses will increase the pressure on the healthcare system.

It is important that people at an increased risk for influenza should get vaccinated, therefore the below categories will be prioritised.

CATEGORY	DATE
1. Pregnant women	6 April 2020, 10h00
2. The elderly	7 April 2020, 10h00
3. Children	8 April 2020, 10h00

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