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GAUTENG GOVERNMENT WELCOMES POSITIVE RESPONSE TO WEEKEND VACCINATION DRIVE AS PROVINCE GOES OVER 1 MILLION MARK

The Gauteng MEC for Health Dr Nomathemba Mokgethi has welcomed the way the public continues to respond to the call to get the COVID-19 jab as the province expands access to vaccination sites.

MEC Mokgethi visited public vaccination sites over the weekend of 31 July to 01 August, to assess their performance, offer support to the vaccination teams and mobilise those who are eligible to get the jab.

“The fact that we have gone over one million people vaccinated during the month of July and are fast approaching two million talks to the high demand in communities to get vaccinated and the urgency with which we are approaching the vaccination rollout programme,” explains MEC Mokgethi.

As part of ramping up the vaccination rollout programme, the Gauteng government increased the number of public vaccination sites that were operational over the last weekend from four to 17 sites across the province.

The majority of these sites were in the Tshwane District, which had nine sites operational, Ekurhuleni and Joburg District had three sites each, whilst the Sedibeng District had two sites. All sites operated from morning to around lunchtime, with half of the sites operating on Saturday while the other on Sunday.

A total of 5449 vaccines were administered in these sites over the weekend. Below is the breakdown of the stats per district.

Health District	Vaccine Administered
Tshwane District	2377
Joburg District	1988
Ekurhuleni District	725
Sedibeng District	359

Mokgethi has commended the vaccination teams and the various partners in the public and private sectors including non-governmental organisations across sectors for embracing the vaccination drive as a national responsibility.

“Our vaccination rollout programme is anchored on the principles of inclusivity to ensure that we leave no one behind. We have opened more sites closer to where the target population is.

“We have diverse vaccination sites, those that are fixed and open weekly during normal working hours, mass vaccination sites catering for large volumes, drive-thru sites allowing people to get the jab in the comfort of their transportation and mobile or pop up sites that move from area to area depending on the programme of the vaccination campaign,” points out Dr Mokgethi.

The Gauteng government encourages all persons eligible for vaccination to visit the publicised sites and get vaccinated. All Gauteng sites accept accept walk-ins whether people are registered on the EVDS or not.

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