

MEDIA STATEMENT

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GAUTENG INTENSIFIES FOCUS ON VACCINATION TO BEAT FOURTH WAVE

The Gauteng Provincial Government continues to work with various sectors of society towards vaccinating as many people as possible to beat the fourth wave and ahead of the festive period.

To achieve the goal to get more jabs in the arms of people efforts targeting areas in the province with low vaccine uptake have been intensified.

In keeping with the set goal, the Gauteng Department of Health will as of today release daily vaccination roll out stats as a way of encouraging eligible people to prioritise getting the jab. It is only when 70% or more of the adult population is vaccinated by mid-December that we can minimise the impact of the fourth wave and avoid stricter restrictions.

The public is notified that the daily COVID-19 data will now be released once as part of the weekly media update on COVID-19.

A total of 5 021 958 vaccinations have been administered in the province as at 08 October 2021 with 3 484 007 individuals vaccinated of which 2 400 649 are fully vaccinated.

DISTRICT	VACCINES ADMINISTERED	INDIVIDUALS FULLY VACCINATED	POPULATION
Johannesburg	2 222 751	1 020 156	4 360 765
Ekurhuleni	1 073 863	491 454	2 858 411
Tshwane	1 170 706	624 014	2 716 998
Sedibeng	233 343	113 703	688 797
West Rand	321 295	151 322	686 355
Total	5 021 958	2 400 649	11 311 326

VACCINATION ROLLOUT BREAKDOWN PER DISTRICT:

VACCINATION PER AGE GROUP:

DISTRICT	POPULATION	INDIVIDUALS FULLY VACCINATED
18 - 34 YEARS	5 196 154	373 444
35 - 49 YEARS	13 441 983	902 156
50 - 59 YEARS	1 330 500	510 793
60 + YEARS	1 342 689	613 962
Total	11 311 326	2 400 649

All persons 18 years and older are encouraged to visit their nearest vaccination site to receive the jab. It is thought getting 70% or more of the adult population vaccinated that we can minimise the impact of the fourth wave. This will also help us return to the things we love such as attending sporting, cultural, religious and entertainment events of our choice safely.

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