

## **MEDIA** STATEMENT

## SUNDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2021

## GAUTENG TAKES VACCINATION PROGRAMME TO VOTING STATIONS

To vaccinate as many people as possible, the Gauteng Provincial Government will set-up 94 pop-up mobile vaccination sites at selected voting stations on Monday, 1 November 2021.

These sites will be spread across all the five districts, and will be operational throughout the day.

Bring your ID or birth certificate or police signed affidavit confirming your identity to the vaccination site. The team will register you on EVDS and vaccinate you on the spot.

All eligible people are encouraged to get vaccinated ahead of the fourth wave to ensure that they are protected from severe illness, hospitalisation or death in the event that they contract the coronavirus.

Children aged 12 to 17 are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and parents, caregivers and legal guardians are encouraged to register and accompany their children.

With the final local government elections campaign happening at the moment, all those involved in the campaign are reminded about the need to continue to adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols as mass gatherings remain potential super spreaders of the virus.

Even though most gatherings are held outdoors, the risk is still high when large crowds gather without observing key non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) of mask wearing, maintaining a safe physical distance, and sanitising or washing of hands with soap. These interventions remain the most effective measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

We need 70% or more of the adult population to be vaccinated so that we can minimise the impact of the fourth wave and avoid stricter restrictions.

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