



# NEWS ALERT

## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE 22 OCTOBER 2021



### Pfizer: why you need a second vaccine shot—and when

#### *HOT OFF THE PRESS:*



The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination was developed as a two-dose shot. The first dose helps your body create an immune response; the second dose strengthens your immunity to the COVID-19 virus.



The Department of Health recommends that you have your second shot 42 days (6 weeks) after your first shot. You will receive an SMS with all your appointment details.



If you have not received an SMS after 42 days, you can take your vaccination card to any nearby site to receive your second shot. It is important that you do not wait more than 84 days after your first dose to get your second dose.



It is essential for you to have both your shots in order to have maximum protection. The entire immunity process takes around 2 weeks after your second dose. Until then, you remain at risk.



Getting your second shot is important. Once 42 days have passed since your first shot, do not delay in getting your second one!



The J&J vaccine was developed as a single dose shot. This means you do not need a second dose at the moment. Should additional booster shots be recommended in the future, this will need to be mandated by NDoH and NICD.

If you are 12 years or older, register and get vaccinated:  
[vaccine.enroll.gov.za](https://vaccine.enroll.gov.za)

WhatsApp REGISTER to: 0600 123 456

Free SMS: \*134\*832#

Call 0860 142 142 weekdays 8AM–8PM

In person at a vaccination site

Until everyone has access to vaccines, it is important to protect those around you by adhering strictly to COVID-19 safety protocols:



Wear a mask



Sanitise your hands regularly



Maintain social distancing

CareWorks Contact Centre: 0800 24 36 72

Weekdays: 8AM to 5PM and Weekends: 8AM to 1PM

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