



# NEWS ALERT

## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE 24 JUNE 2022



**LAST OF THE MAJOR COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED:**  
No more mask mandate, border checks or restrictions on public gatherings

### **HOT OFF THE PRESS:**



Health Minister Joe Phaala has repealed COVID-19 restrictions after the health department advised that they are no longer necessary.



This means that South Africans no longer need to wear face masks, whether indoors, outside or on public transport.



Limits on gatherings have also been lifted. Venues can now be filled to maximum capacity, and no longer need to screen for vaccination status.



COVID-specific border checks have also been ended. Travellers to South Africa may enter the country without vaccination certificates or proof of negative PCR test results.



Some experts have recommended that the use of face masks be continued in specific settings, like healthcare facilities.



It may also be a good idea not to throw away your masks just yet: the government still has the power to reinstate the mask mandate at any time they feel infectious diseases pose a threat to the population.



If you are going to throw away your masks, please do so responsibly:

- Most masks are not suitable for recycling and will end up in landfill sites, or clogging up our beaches, oceans and other areas.
- DO NOT litter!
- DO cut the rubber bands on both sides of the masks before throwing them away: this will prevent them from getting caught around the necks and feet of wildlife, saving them a long-suffering death.

Please contact your Workplace Health & Safety representative for your specific workplace application of these changes to regulations.

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



Protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19 with the two Vs:



Vaccination



Ventilation

CareWorks Contact Centre: 0800 24 36 72

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

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