



## NEWS ALERT

### COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE 12 NOVEMBER 2021



Will South Africa experience a fourth wave?

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



South Africa's fourth wave is expected to occur in December 2021 and January 2022. Its severity will be influenced by how many people have been vaccinated by then. Vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness and death from COVID.



To date, more than 23 million people in South Africa (including adolescents) have received at least one dose – and close to 15 million adults are fully vaccinated. The government hopes to have 28 million adults vaccinated by the end of the year.



However, even if we halve the number of deaths in the fourth wave (compared to the third wave) it still means about 55 000 people will die.



COVID-19 is here to stay. It will continue to circulate in communities. Vaccination will not stop all infections, but will help to prevent severe symptoms and deaths.



A CDC study has found that COVID-19 vaccination offers better and more reliable protection against COVID than past infection. In their research, they found that unvaccinated people who had prior COVID-19 infection are five times more likely to be reinfected compared to those who are fully vaccinated.



Until more of the population has been vaccinated, it is important that we continue to stick to COVID safety protocols.

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  
WhatsApp: 082 735 4472