

UKZN Vaccination site

Dear members

The COVID-19 Staff Task Team met urgently on Friday morning to be updated on the COVID-19 vaccination roll out for staff.

Vaccination is not mandatory and this message merely provides information for those members who wish to be vaccinated. Members will be aware of our governments call for vaccination of South Africans in social solidarity to stop the spread of COVID-19. Vaccination offers protection by reducing the risk of infection and / or the severity of symptoms. COVID-19 vaccines were developed scientifically and are considered safe and effective. The COVID-19 vaccination does not cause anyone to actively become COVID-19 positive. Those who have already had COVID-19 may also be vaccinated but must wait 30 days to do so.

Members who are not yet vaccinated should please note the following:

- 1) Vaccinations will be done at the Howard College Campus on 5 and 6 August (venue to be confirmed, either Sports Hall or Students Union Hall).
- 2) The Westville Campus is also approved as a site but this may only be available in September.
- 3) Management is waiting on confirmation regarding the PMB Campus and it is hoped this will be known shortly.
- 4) It is not yet confirmed whether it will be Pfizer or J & J but it is likely to be Pfizer and if so, then similar arrangements will follow for the second dose.
- 5) Staff who wish to be vaccinated should register on the EVDS <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/evds/> but if unable to do so, then it can be done on the day.
- 6) Staff are encouraged to preregister on EVDS so as to facilitate the administrative process at the vaccine venue on the day.
- 7) It will be available for staff who are 35 years and older.
- 8) In September 2021 it will open for those in the >18 age group.
- 9) The DoH will provide four vaccinators and UKZN staff will assist with administration, etc.
- 10) The DoH requires numbers and staff will be asked through their Executive portfolios, to indicate if they wish to present themselves for vaccination on these dates (this is numbers for planning, not names).
- 11) Once the University has the numbers per portfolio, there will be scheduling of group times.

The University will issue a Notice to clarify all of the details, this is prior information for members – please look out for the full details in the University Notice.

Members who wish to be vaccinated should inform their line managers so that effective planning can be done to prevent long queues and waiting periods on their scheduled day.

Regards

UKSU Representative Committee

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