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## Vaccine registration open to the public

Government has officially launched the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine online registration for the public – as the Department of Health gears up for phase two of the country's vaccine rollout.

Health Minister, Dr Zweli Mkhize, invited all citizens aged 60 years and above to register for vaccination on the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS).

"This launch marks a significant milestone not only for our vaccination campaign but for South Africa's advancement towards Universal Health Coverage," said the Minister.

### One digital system

He explained that this was the first time in democratic history that a major public health campaign will be supported by one digital system for all South Africans.

"The President, myself,



hundreds of thousands of healthcare workers and now you, the citizens of

South Africa, have or will access the vaccines through the same process, by using

this system."

He said there will be no distinction between pri-

vate and state healthcare users, except that private healthcare users will need to share their medical aid details.

"The quality of services will be the same for all of us and the system will assign a vaccination site closest to our homes or where we work and not based on whether a particular site is a public or private facility."

Citizens must have their ID number, medical aid number, if they have one, and ensure they put in the correct cellphone number and residential address.

Registration on the EVDS does not guarantee that you will be vaccinated immediately.

"We will use the information you provide when you register to communicate with you about the vaccination programme when necessary," explained the Minister.

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# Ri livhuha vhaongi vhashu

Allison Cooper

**V**haongi vha lino shango khathihi na vhañwe vhashumi vha zwa mutakalo, vho vhea matshilo avho khomboni hu u itela u thusa vhañwe vhatu nga tshifhinga itshi tsha Dwdaze la tshitzhili tsha Corona (COVID-19).

Duvha la vhaongi la dzitshaka, line la vha la 12 la nwedzi wa Shundunthule, ndi tshikhala tsha u pembelela vhaongi kha u qisa tshumelo kha vhañwe vhatu.

Muongi makone Vho Luyanda Ganuganu (25), vhane vha bva ngei vhuongeloni ha Groote Schuur vunduni la Kapa Vhukovhela, vho amba uri duvha ilo li dovha hafhu la vha tshikhala kha vhaongi tsha u kona u isa phanda na u fongisa zwivhuya zwi vthonalaho nga kha mushumo wavho.

"Ndi tshikhala tsha uri vhaongi vha qivhee, fhedzi ri

tea u isa phanda na u netshe-dza ndondolo ya mathakheni, nga maandesa zwino nga tshifhinga tsha dwdaze" vho ralo. Vho Ganuganu vho vha vha tshi khou shuma nga tshifhinga tsha COVID-19 tshi tshi taha lwa u thoma na nga tshifhinga tsha musi hu tshi taha lushaka lwa vhuvhili lwa vhulwadze, vho vha vha tshi khou shuma kha wadi ine ha tqdea tshumelo khulwane i elanaho na COVID-19 afho vhuongeloni.

"Tshithu tshavhuq tsho vha tshenzhemo ye nda i wana musi ndi tshi khou shuma na vhalwadze, fhedzi zwi vhavhaho ho vha mpfu dzothe dze dza bvelela wadini iyo, zwi tshi da siani la muhumbulo, a zwo ngo vha zwi leluwaho."

Vho Ganuganu vhe vha vha muongi u bva tsha minwaha mivhili yo fhiraho, vho nanga mushumo uyu ngauri vha a funa u thusa vhatu.

"Ndo aluwa kha kusi kwa mahayani ngei kha vundu la Kapa Vhukovhela, afho ndi he nda vha ndi tshi kona u vhona vhatu vha tshi khou tambula nga mulandu wa u shaya ha dzikiliniki dzine dza vha na tlogomelo ya vhuongi. Hezwi ndi zwone zwe zwa tuqula lutamo lwa-naga lwa u tqda u ita tshanduko," vho ralo.

Nga tshifhinga tsha dwdaze Vho Ganuganu vho do fanela u guda u shuma vhe fhasi ha mutsiko.

"Tsheo dzo vha dzi tshi tea u dzhiwa nga tshihadu, na uri muthu u tea u humbula nga tshenetsho tshifhinga. Ndo dovha hafhu nda guda u kona u davhidzana na vhalwadze," vho qadzisa.

Vho Ganuganu vho wana zwi songo tou leluwa u ya mushumoni nga tshifhinga tsha luja lwa vhuvhili lwa u phaqlala ha itshi tshitzhili, naho vha tshi zwi funa u thusa vhañwe

vhatu, vho dovha vha pfa vha tshi ofhela muqa wavho.

"Ndi muthu o malaho nga nwedzi wa Nyendavhusiku 2020, mufumakadzi wanga ndi muthu wa thovhele. Ndo no vhona vafumakadzi vhanzhi vho qihwalaho vha tshi lovha afho wadini ya vhalwadze vha COVID-19. Ndo do tea u tou qithogomela vhukuma ngauri ndi vha ndi sa khou tqda u vhea vhutshilo ha mufumakadzi wanga khomboni," vho ralo.

Vho Ganuganu vha livhuwa zwi hulu vhalanguli vhavho na vhashumisani vhavho.

"Ndi tama u vha livhuwa kha thikhedzo ye vha nqea yone na kha u nqea tshikhala tsha u aluwa sa muongi. Ndi tshe-nzhemo yavhuq nga maanda ya u shuma na vhashumisani vhane vha a qea thikhedzo kha vhashumi vhaqku."

Mulaedza wavho u ya kha tshishavha ndi wa u thusa vhaontgi nga u vha na vhuqfih-



**Muongi makone Vho Luyanda Ganuganu ndi kale vha tshi khou shuma kha u lwa na COVID-19 ngei vhuongeloni ha Groote Schuur.**

nduleli.

"Kha vha ri thuse uri ri kone u vha thusa. Muñwe na muñwe u a ñivha zwine zwo lavhelelwa khae nga itshi tshifhinga tsha COVID-19. Ri humbela uri vha ise phanda na u tevhedza maga na maitele othe o tiwaho," vho ralo Vho Ganuganu.

## Jubilee Hospital facelift eases patient pressure

**A NEW TRAINING** facility, CT scanner and renovated ward at Jubilee Hospital will result in better patient care.



The renovated ward 4 at Jubilee Hospital will ensure better care for patients.

### Kgaogelo Letsebe

**J**ubilee Hospital in Hammanskraal, Gauteng, has undergone a major facelift and expansion that will see it not only increasing its capacity to handle patients, but also becoming a training facility for medical students.

The Gauteng Department of Health recently unveiled the renovated ward, computerised tomography (CT) scanner and a training lab to be used by medical students.

Gauteng Health MEC, Dr Nomathemba Mokgethi, said the improvements will ease the constant burden on the hospital.

"Because of the hospital's close proximity to the N1 and R101 roads, it has been flooded by trauma and emergency cases as a result of car accidents," she noted.

The renovated ward 4, with 31 allocated beds, will improve the hospital's capacity to handle these cases. The ward was previously closed and will now be used as an orthopaedic ward.

In 2020, the hospital was earmarked to provide Coronavirus Disease services and received an alternative building technology structure with 300 beds.

"The addition of 300 beds to the hospital's existing 551-bed capacity means it is growing

not only in terms of size, but in offering more services to the community.

"At present, the hospital is admitting all surgical patients, including general surgery, orthopaedics, urology, ophthalmology and gynaecology, to the same ward. We will now be able to separate the various units," said Jubilee Hospital Acting CEO, Dr Olebogeng Modise.

The new CT scanner will also mean fewer transfers to Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital.

A CT scanner enables doctors to examine patients internally through X-ray images taken from different angles. Images of bones, blood vessels and soft tissues can be obtained, thereby providing more detailed information than plain X-rays.

"We are now able to admit more trauma patients and with the CT scanner, we can deal with trauma cases quicker than we were able to in the past," said Dr Modise.

The training facility will be used to train medical students in various fields, including surgery, emergency medicine and obstetrics.