

Calling all health workers and personnel to access the one-and-done JnJ vaccine

Sisonke is entering the final week and will end on Friday 14 May. We are pleased to announce the extension of Sisonke to **ALL** health workers and personnel.

We understand many people are concerned about safety following the pause.

Serious side-effects are extremely rare but severe COVID-19 is not:

- Serious side effects such as severe allergy (anaphylaxis) and the rare clotting condition affect between 1 and 4 people per million vaccinated.
- In the last year 35 000 people per million cases of COVID-19 lost their lives.

The one-and-done JnJ vaccine provides more than 80% protection against severe COVID-19 and death.

Please talk to your health provider if you have concerns when making your decision.

Sisonke is now open to ALL health workers and health personnel including:

- Non-patient facing health workers
- Support and administrative staff
- Staff at multilateral health agencies
- Laboratory staff
- Health research staff
- Community Health Workers
- Staff who work in care homes (e.g. old aged homes, homes for children)
- Funeral workers
- Registered traditional health practitioners

Registration explained

- Register on the [Health Worker](https://vaccination.health.gov.za/#/) page of EVDS: <https://vaccination.health.gov.za/#/>
- If you have already registered, refresh your registration.
- Check your text messages. You may have missed a message sending you a fresh link to the Sisonke portal (sent from 26 April onwards).
- Please note that vouchers received before 26 April are no longer valid.
- Respond to text message inviting you to participate.
- Once you have completed the consent process, keep an eye out for an SMS with your new voucher number.

Important Registration Tips

- Ensure your ID and cellphone numbers are entered correctly.
- If you are over 60 years and a health worker or health personnel, do not register on the over 60 part of EVDS. Go back and change that to a Health Care Worker.
- When you are asked if you are a **health care professional**, please say **YES**.
- If you don't have a professional council number leave the field blank and continue.
- When you are asked where you work, please select your closest vaccination site.
- Please enter the location of the vaccination site as the address. You do not need to provide a full address. The name of the town or city is sufficient.

Walk-ins welcome!

We wish to welcome health workers and personnel at all Sisonke sites Monday 10 to Friday 14 May between **8am and 2pm**.

Please register on EVDS beforehand.

You do not need to have received a voucher or appointment site and date to attend.

What to bring with you

- ID or passport.
- Proof of your employment: letter, staff card etc.

Let's work together to protect health workers and our health system.

Sisonke!