

Media Statement

HPCSA WELCOMES THE ARRIVAL OF THE COVID-19 VACCINES

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is pleased with the arrival of South Africa's first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines that will hopefully curb the spread of the pandemic. Council also welcomes the National Department of Health's detailed vaccination strategy and its various roll out programmes that will be phased out across the country.

Council supports the strategy that vaccines have to be made available to all South Africans commencing with frontline healthcare workers, who are the most vulnerable, this is to ensure their protection and that of their families. There is scientific evidence as supported by the World Health Organisation and the Centre for Disease Control that the vaccine is the best defence and is extremely effective.

The HPCSA encourages all healthcare practitioners, especially those on the frontline to utilise the various platforms available both in the public and private sector to register for the vaccination programme.

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all the healthcare workers for their continued efforts, we salute and appreciate their commitment.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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