



communication

Dear Member,

The national COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan will soon move to Phase 2. Phase 2 intends to vaccinate the part of the population that is at highest risk for severe disease and death from COVID-19 infection.

We have been informed that the National Department of Health will be launching the Electronic Vaccine Data System (*EVDS*) registration portal on Friday, 16 April 2021 at 07h30 for Phase 2 registrations.

- **Phase 2A** is expected to start on the 18th of May through to the end June, with the vaccination of people 60 years of age and older.
- **Phase 2B** is expected to follow from July, which will cover those people between 40 and 59 years of age.
- Phase 2A and 2B will cover the majority of people with significant underlying chronic health conditions that increase risk of severe COVID-19 (so called “co-morbidities”).
- **Phase 3** is expected to start in the last quarter of 2021, with the vaccination of all other adults.

As you and/or your registered dependants may fall into different Phases, we would like to inform you of the following:

1. You and/or your dependants will need to register for your vaccine via EVDS when it opens for your phase. We will send you communication to alert you when it is time and guide you on the process to follow.
2. Vaccinations will take place at specified GP facilities, pharmacy clinics, some travel clinics, some workplaces and possible mass vaccination sites as well. These will be communicated to you in due course. The registration process will guide you to the vaccination centre nearest to you. We are working with all accredited vaccination sites to ensure that the process is optimal and that they are all ready.
3. As you know, the flu vaccination season has started. If you do opt to get a flu vaccination, remember that there should be 14 days between your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations so please plan accordingly, depending on which vaccine you have first.
4. Even if you have had COVID-19, it is advisable that you get a COVID-19 vaccination.
5. The Scheme will pay for your COVID-19 vaccination in full. It will not come from your Day to Day benefits but from your Unlimited Benefit.
6. Please ensure that you provide your medical aid details throughout the registration and vaccination process.

MBMed Medical Aid Fund cares for you and your health and we encourage you to get vaccinated.

MBMed will provide more information on COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccination over the next few weeks.

All of the Scheme's communications are also housed on our website at <http://mbmed.medscheme.com/scheme-communication/>.

In addition, you can find out more at <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/vaccine-updates/>.

We will do our utmost to guide you through the process.

If you need specific medical advice it is always best to speak to your Family Doctor.

Kind regards,

