

COVID-19 Update | 22 October 2021

## COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

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### Vaccine Rollout

As of 19 October, 14 million (23%) of all adults in South Africa have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination dose, this is according to Our World in Data, with close to 11 million people being fully vaccinated.

To get accurate updates on the vaccine rollout, visit the external resources section on our COVID-19 Vaccine page or by clicking [here](#).

### COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate

As millions of people get hold of the digital COVID-19 vaccine certificate, there's many question that go along with a new portal, [click here](#) to see our WhatsApp image to FAQ about the new digital COVID-19 vaccine certificate.



### COVID-19 DIGITAL CERTIFICATE FAQ'S

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#### Why do I need a vaccine certificate?

You may need a vaccine status certificate to prove that you have received both of your vaccinations in order to travel internationally.

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#### How is authenticity of the certificate verified?

All vaccination certificates have a QR code and other third parties will be able to verify its authenticity by scanning the code.

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#### Do vaccination certificates expire?

Only the vaccination certificates issued in the testing phase before October 8 have an expiry date.

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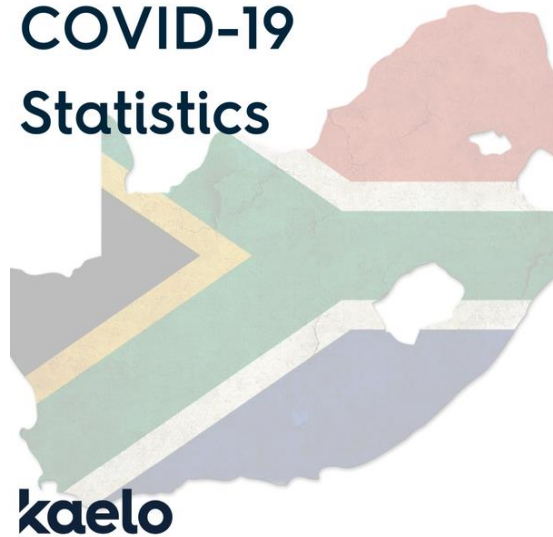
## COVID-19 Cases

As of 20 October, 453 new COVID-19 cases had been reported and the recovery rate is sitting at 96.3%.

Although 18.1% of our population have been fully vaccinated, South Africa still has a long way to go before reaching immunity and therefore, it is important to continue adhering to all COVID-19 safety regulations.

*Source: SA coronavirus*

## COVID-19 Statistics



## Teens can now get their COVID-19 jab

According to The Department of Health, as of Wednesday, 20 October teens between the ages of 12 to 17 will now be eligible to register on the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) registration system to receive their single dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and this is with no consent from their parents.

According to the Health Minister, Dr Joe Phaahla, vaccinating teens will help reduce absenteeism in classrooms and lower the risk of COVID outbreaks in schools and this is ahead of matriculants sitting in for their final year exams.

*Source: Bhekisisa.org Centre of Journalism*



# Sputnik vaccine rejected over HIV fears

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## Sputnik vaccine still by Health Product Regulatory

According to the latest vaccine news, South African Health Product Regulatory Authorities have rejected the approval of Russia's Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine. This is due to concerns it could increase the risk of HIV infection among men.

This decision was based on earlier studies testing the safety of a modified form of adenovirus -- a type of virus that causes respiratory infections -- known as the Ad5 and contained in the Russian jab.

The World Health Organization has not yet given Sputnik V the green light for emergency use, although it is being administered in at least 45 countries.

This comes off the back of the latest news from Government stating that teens from the ages of 12 to 17 are now eligible to receive one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Source: AfricaNews

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