

Circular 103

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Dear Residents,

GOVERNEMENT HAS LAUNCHED IT'S ELECTRONIC VACCINATION DATA SYSTEM.(EVDS)

Following on the information that was send out on Monday with regards to the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS);

Government has launched its electronic vaccination data system (EVDS) for South Africa, allowing qualifying people to sign up for a Covid-19 vaccine.

The EVDS system aims to assist in both the management and surveillance of the Covid-19 vaccine. Among other features, the EVDS will provide and track vaccine information, such as:

- Patient information, including demographics and number of doses;
- Safety information – such as possible adverse events following immunisation;
- Details of vaccine administration sites.

In the first phase of the Covid-19 vaccine roll out only medical healthcare workers will be allowed to register, with the portal requiring users to enter their occupation, employer, whether they are patient-facing, and medical aid information before proceeding.

Those who qualify will be sent a notification through SMS informing them of the time and place that the vaccine will be available. It will also come with a unique code that patients will be required to show to their vaccinator.

Patients are also expected to provide their ID and a contact number when at the vaccination site.

As part of this monitoring system, there are plans to send reminders for a follow-up appointment to receive a second dose and to include an integrated track-and-trace system for defaulters – those who do not show up to receive their second shot.

A dashboard system is also being developed to capture the reasons given for vaccine refusal.

As part of this process, the Department of Health has said that all South Africans who are vaccinated will be placed on a national register and provided with a vaccination card.

In this regard, the department said that an electronic vaccination certificate will be available via the EVDS online platform once the second vaccine shot has been issued.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "EVDS Self Registration" with a green header. Below the header, the page is titled "Step 2: Employment and Medical Aid". The form contains several input fields: "Name of primary employer" (with a red border and error message "Employer name is required"), "Job title", "Occupational group" (dropdown menu), "Patient Facing" (dropdown menu with subtext "E.g. a HCW who interacts directly with patients"), "Health professional" (dropdown menu with subtext "E.g. a HCW who must be registered with a statutory body e.g. Nursing Council"), "Medical aid scheme name" (dropdown menu), and "Medical aid number (optional)". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Go back" and "Next step".

The Department of Health said that vaccinees (person receiving a vaccine) are provided with an opportunity to enrol on the EVDS system, but to do so they must provide personal, contact and medical aid details.

It added that enrolment is not a guarantee of vaccination.

Eligibility of the vaccinee is then determined by the NDOH based on priority population groups over a period of time. Eligible vaccinees are then provided with notification and instructions on how and where to receive the vaccination.

A vaccinee must present themselves at a Facility Vaccine Registration Desk within a Vaccination Site. In this regard, they must produce an identity document (e.g. ID Book or Passport) in order to register, confirm details and schedule an appointment in the EVDS.

During vaccination, all vaccination information of the vaccinee will be captured in the EVDS including the dose received, batch number, manufacturer

The EVDS will send an SMS to the vaccinee for an appointment for the second dose. During the second dose, the vaccinator confirms the vaccine details in the EVDS to ensure that an appropriate dose and vaccine is given to the correct vaccinee.

Data collection

The Department of Health has also published a set of Terms and Conditions as well as a [FAQ](#) on its website, detailing some of the important parts of the EVDS.

Notably, it indicates which data it will collect on patients. This includes:

- Personal information (names and Identity Number) as contained in your Identity document. This is to verify and confirm your eligibility as a Covid-19 vaccine beneficiary per the priority phases as defined in the Covid-19 National Vaccination Plan;
- The medical aid details, residential address, email address, phone numbers (including mobile numbers in order to send messages and appointment messages for the second dose of the vaccine);
- Employment details, professional category and registration as part of the priority group eligibility verification; and
- Patient information in relation to your health status including underlying conditions that you may have as a vaccine in line with the vaccination protocols.

The department said that anonymised data will be transferred to the NDOH database for reporting. No personal data will be transferred from the EVDS, without the required legislative provisions to do so.

“The Administrators and Vaccinators who access the EVDS have secure user login details that have a full audit trail on all the activities that they perform on their accounts in accordance with their assigned roles.

“The National Department of Health is the owner and Responsible Party of Information and data processed by the EVDS and has employed stringent technical and best practice procedures in place to ensure the integrity of Personal Information is safeguarded against the risk of loss or damage and against the unauthorised or unlawful access.”

The department said that all systems are Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act compliant and allow for capturing of user and client consent in the case of capturing personal information.

“In the event of alleged infringements of any data protection legislation in force in the Republic at the time of the alleged infringement, you can contact the competent data protection supervisory authority or take legal action in accordance with that data protection legislation.”

EVDS Self Registration

Step 2: Employment and Medical Aid

Name of primary employer

Job title

Patient Facing

Eg. a HCW who interacts directly with patients

Health professional

Eg. a HCW who must be registered with a statutory body e.g. Nursing Council


Medical aid scheme name

Medical aid number (optional)

Go back
Next step

https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/
#/vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za

EVDS Self Registration



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Department:
Health
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

This is a self-registration portal for **Health Care Workers ONLY** as part of the Phase 1 rollout of the Electronic Vaccine Data System.

- By completing this form, you confirm that you are a Healthcare Worker and can provide identity documentation and healthcare worker proof of employment at the time of vaccination
- Self-registration is available to all public, private, clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers
- Vaccination and self-registration on the EVDS is voluntary
- Self-Registration **DOES NOT** guarantee you will be vaccinated in this Phase
- Eligibility of the vaccinee will be determined by the NDOH based on priority population groups
- Eligible vaccinees will be provided with notification and instructions on how and where to receive the vaccination

For more information, terms and conditions please visit:
<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/evds/tscs/>

ID Number

The ID number must not be empty

Self register using ID
Use passport

South Africa's online Covid-19 ...
Terms & Conditions - SA Corona ...

Terms & Conditions - SA Corona
Virus Online Portal
sacoronavirus.co.za





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ELECTRONIC VACCINATION DATA SYSTEM (EVDS) – DATA PROTECTION & PRIVACY POLICY

Privacy Policy

This is the Privacy Policy of the Electronic Vaccination Data System portal developed by the National Department of Health. In this document, “**we**”, “**our**”, or “**us**” refer to National Department of Health (NDOH).

1. Introduction

1.1. The National Department of Health has developed an Electronic Vaccine Data System (EVDS) to support the COVID-19 Vaccination roll out in South Africa.

1.2. The EVDS will be used to capture COVID-19 vaccination events digitally and provide data to NDOH data analytics platform to monitor and report on.

1.3. This Privacy Policy explains the extent to which we collect information when you use the EVDS. It also explains:

1.3.1 How your information is used;

1.3.2 Who your information is shared with;

1.3.3 How your data is kept securely; and

1.3.4 The extent to which any personal information is transferred or stored.

1.4. “**Personal data**” or “**personal information**” means all information relating to an identified or identifiable person.

1.5 “**Processing**” means any operation with personal data, irrespective of the means applied and the procedure, and in particular the collection, storage, use, revision, disclosure, archiving, or destruction of data.

1.6 The processing of personal data is managed in line with the provisions and safeguards set out in the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013).

2. Responsible Party

2.1 The controller responsible for the data processing described herein is the:

National Department of Health (NDOH)
222 Thabo Sehume Street
CBD
Pretoria

South Africa 0001

2.2 The EVDS is under the direct control of the National Department of Health. The EVDS is available to administrative staff and Vaccinators (HCWs) registered on the system. The system can be accessed via web browsers using suitable and compatible devices. The system also includes capabilities for vaccinees to enrol (express an interest to be vaccinated) on EVDS.

2.3 Where the NDOH engages third parties to assist with developing and supporting the EVDS platform, they have signed commercial and confidentiality agreements, undertaking contractually to comply with all requirements of Regulation 8 of the Regulations Issued in Terms of Section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 as well as the provisions of the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy. The NDOH monitors their compliance with these legal requirements. For the purpose of developing data collection tools and user applications for EVDS NDOH have engaged Mezzanine Ware (Pty) and The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

3. Collection and processing of personal data and special personal information

3.1 The EVDS does not collect any “**special personal information**” about you as a vaccinee. For this purpose, “Special personal information” relates to:

- 3.1.1 the data about your race or ethnicity;
- 3.1.2 religious or philosophical beliefs;
- 3.1.3 sex life;
- 3.1.4 political opinions or trade union membership;
- 3.1.5 information about your health and biometric data; and
- 3.1.6 information about criminal convictions and offences.

3.2 The following information of the vaccinee will be collected and processed by the EVDS:

- 3.2.1 personal information (names and Identity Number) as contained in your Identity document. This is to verify and confirm your eligibility as a COVID-19 vaccine beneficiary per the priority phases as defined in the COVID-19 National Vaccination Plan;
- 3.2.2 the medical aid details, residential address, email address, phone numbers (including mobile numbers in order to send messages and appointment messages for the second dose of the vaccine);
- 3.2.3 employment details, professional category and registration as part of the priority group eligibility verification; and

3.2.4 patient information in relation to your health status including underlying conditions that you may have as a vaccinee in line with the vaccination protocols.

4. How does the EVDS work?

4.1. Vaccination and enrolment on the EVDS is voluntary.

4.2. Vaccinees are provided an opportunity to enrol on the EVDS system.

4.3. To do so, vaccinees must provide personal, contact and medical aid details.

4.4. Enrolment is not a guarantee of vaccination.

4.5. Eligibility of the vaccinee is then determined by the NDOH based on priority population groups over a period of time.

4.6. Eligible vaccinees are then provided with notification and instructions on how and where to receive the vaccination.

4.7. A vaccinee must present himself/herself at a Facility Vaccine Registration Desk within a Vaccination Site. In this regard, he/she must produce an identity document (e.g., ID Book or Passport) in order to register, confirm details and schedule an appointment in the EVDS.

4.8. During vaccination, all vaccination information of the vaccinee will be captured in the EVDS including the dose received, batch number, manufacturer.

4.9. The EVDS will send an SMS to the vaccinee for an appointment for the second dose. During the second dose, the vaccinator confirms the vaccine details in the EVDS to ensure that an appropriate dose and vaccine is given to the correct vaccinee.

5. Information we process with your consent

Your personal data as well as your patient information data is processed with your informed consent.

6. Data transfer

Anonymised data will be transferred to the NDOH database for reporting. No personal data will be transferred from the EVDS, without the required legislative provisions to do so.

7. What security measures are in place to protect my data?

7. 1 The Administrators and Vaccinators who access the EVDS have secure user login details that have a full audit trail on all the activities that they perform on their accounts in accordance with their assigned roles.

7. 2 NDOH is the owner and Responsible Party of Information and data processed by the EVDS and has employed stringent technical and best practice procedures in place to ensure the integrity of Personal Information is safeguarded against the risk of loss or damage and against the unauthorised or unlawful access.
7. 3 All systems are Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act compliant and allow for capturing of user and client consent in the case of capturing personal information.
7. 4 Security is based on at least 99% Availability Service Levels and ISO 27001:2013 framework, which is the international standard that describes best practices and controls.
7. 5 All systems are built with open architecture for interoperability and alignment with local standards.

8. Rights of all EVDS users

- 8.1. In the event of alleged infringements of any data protection legislation in force in the Republic at the time of the alleged infringement, you can contact the competent data protection supervisory authority or take legal action in accordance with that data protection legislation.
- 8.2. The ability to exercise your rights requires that you provide clear evidence of your identity (e.g., a copy of your identity documents). To assert your rights, you can contact the NDOH at the address given in clause 2.

9. Other documents governing privacy and data protection

This Privacy Policy is not necessarily exhaustive. Specific matters may be governed by other data protection statements, similar documents, or terms and conditions of use. Where that is so, a link to any such documents will be made available to the user in the application

Frequently Asked Questions

Who must register?

All **Healthcare Workers** (public and private) who intend to be vaccinated in Phase 1 must enrol on the **Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS)**

<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za>

What will the information be used for?

Information submitted during registration will be used to:

- Identify eligible vaccination beneficiaries
- Plan supply of vaccines and ancillary items
- Allocate beneficiaries to their nearest available service point
- Communicate with enrolled individuals about the vaccination program, including but not limited to:

- **eligibility**
- **when and where they will be vaccinated**
- **follow-up vaccination appointments**

What do you need to register?

1. **Access to internet** on any device (cell phone, laptop, tablet, desktop etc.)
2. Your ID number or Passport (non-RSA), general contact information (**your cell phone number will be used as the primary mode of communication**).
3. Information about your **employment (primary employer and location of work)**
4. Where relevant, your **professional registration details, and medical aid** are also requested.
5. With all information at hand registration should take approximately **2-3 minutes (Three steps)**

Warm Regard



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