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COVID-19 VACCINE PROJECT OFFICE: VACCINATION OF PERSONS 12-17 YEARS OLD

The National Minister of Health has announced that COVID-19 vaccination will be made available to persons **12-17 years old from 20th October 2021**. The EVDS system will be ready to register and capture this age category.

Kindly note the following information about vaccinations for clients in this age group:

- The Identity number on the client's **SA birth certificate** can be used, for registration and vaccination on EVDS, if the child does not have a **SA Identity Document**. The **passport** number can be used when from another country or the child can be processed as **undocumented**, if the criteria is met as depicted in Circular H113 of 2021.
- Existing vaccination sites (both public and private) can be accessed by these clients and **school-based vaccination is NOT recommended** at this point.
- These clients can provide consent to receive COVID-19 vaccination with/without parental consent according to the Children's Act.
- These clients will currently receive **one Pfizer dose only**. They **cannot receive J&J vaccine** as this was **not approved for use in the age category 12-17 years**, by SAHPRA.

NDOH Circular addressing this- and other announcements made by the National Minister of Health has been delayed and will follow by the end of the week to provide more details.

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