

Digital Press Conference

Health Update

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26 August 2021



Overview

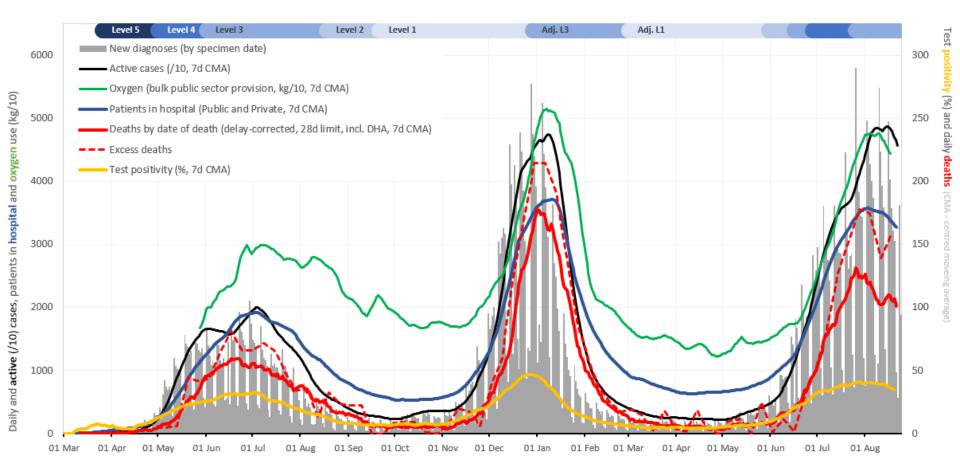
- 1. Surveillance & Response Update
- 2. Expectations for the 3rd wave & our triggered response
- 3. Vaccine Implementation update
- 4. Conclusions



Surveillance & Response Update



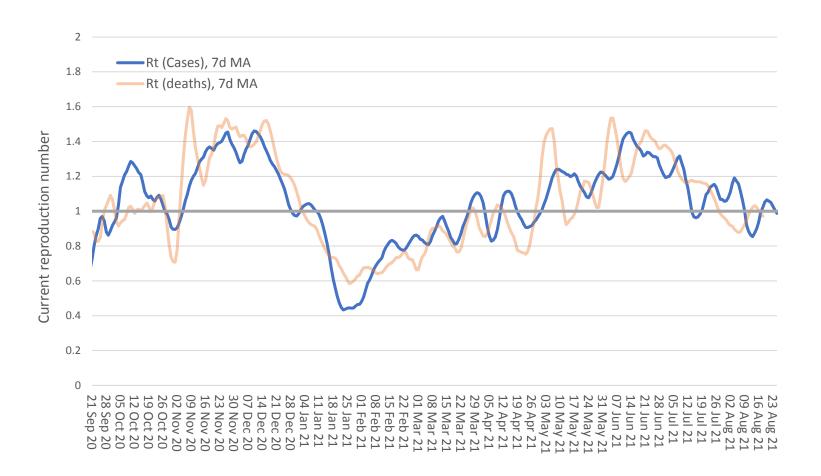
Integrated testing, case, hospitalisation and mortality trends





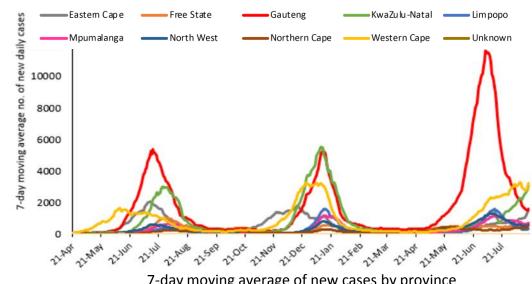
Current reproduction number (Western Cape)

Reproduction number based on cases and deaths currently ~1.0

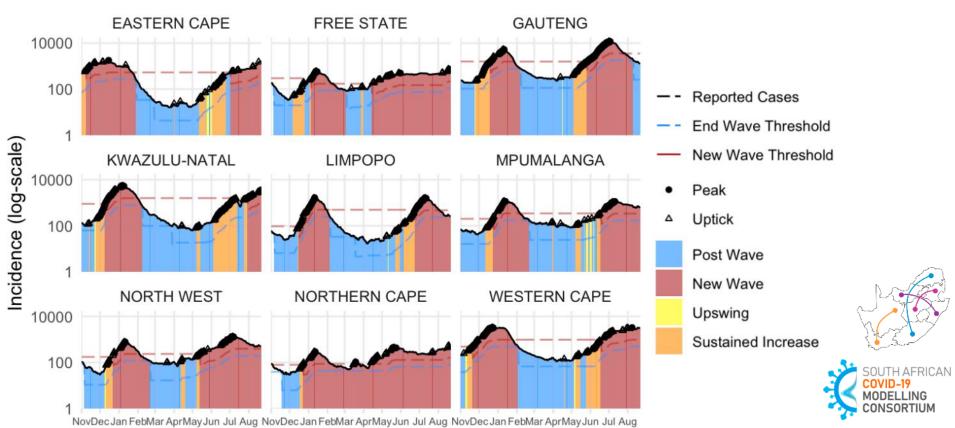


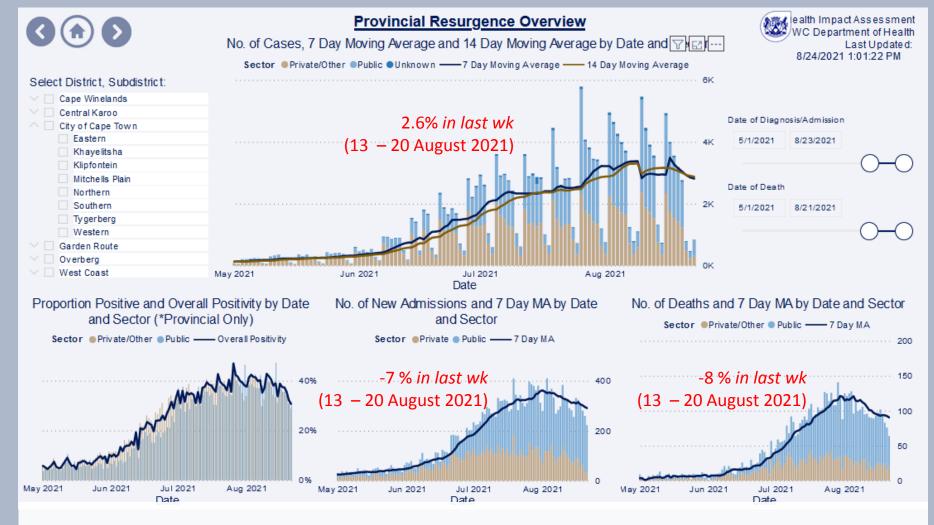
National trends

- Gauteng has dropped below the end of wave threshold.
- Other provinces remain in 3rd wave.
- Increases in EC, KZN & FS.
- NC increasing after plateau.



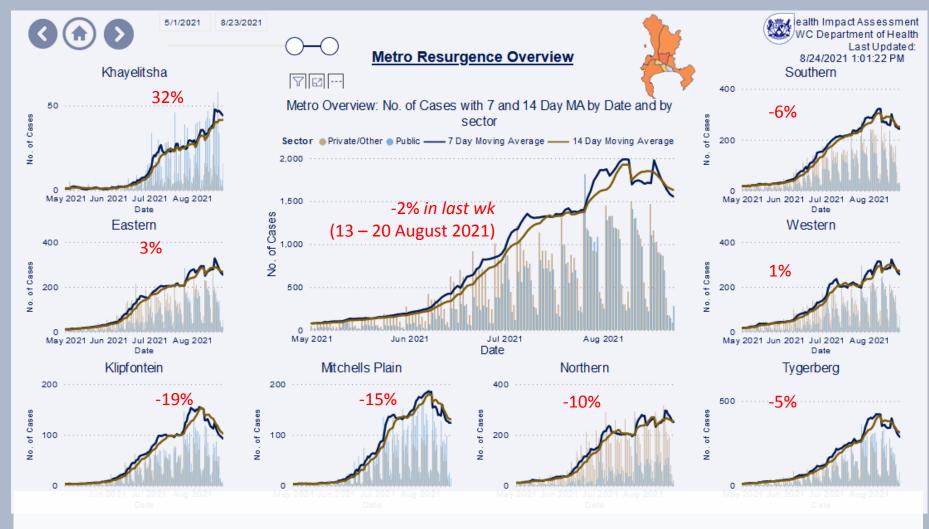
7-day moving average of new cases by province





Provincial Overview

- While case numbers have flattened, there is not yet a clear decrease in case numbers.
- The **proportion positive** has decreased slightly to an average of **36.1%**.
- We are currently seeing an average of 3002 new diagnoses each day.
 Admissions and deaths are slightly decreased, with an average of 295 new admissions and around 93 deaths each day.



Metro Overview

- Overall, there is a 2% week on week decrease in cases in the Metro.
- Most sub-districts are seeing a plateau or decrease in case numbers this last week. Khayelitsha is an exception where case numbers are still increasing, but the absolute numbers are still relatively low.
- There is an equal mix between public and private cases in the Metro.



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200

West Coast

Overberg

12%

May 2021 Jun 2021 Jul 2021 Aug 2021

11%

May 2021 Jun 2021 Jul 2021 Aug 2021

Garden Route

9%

May 2021 Jun 2021 Jul 2021



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Rural Resurgence Overview

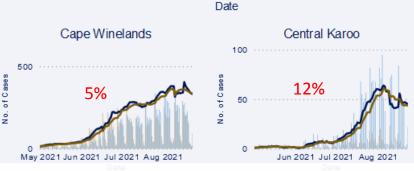


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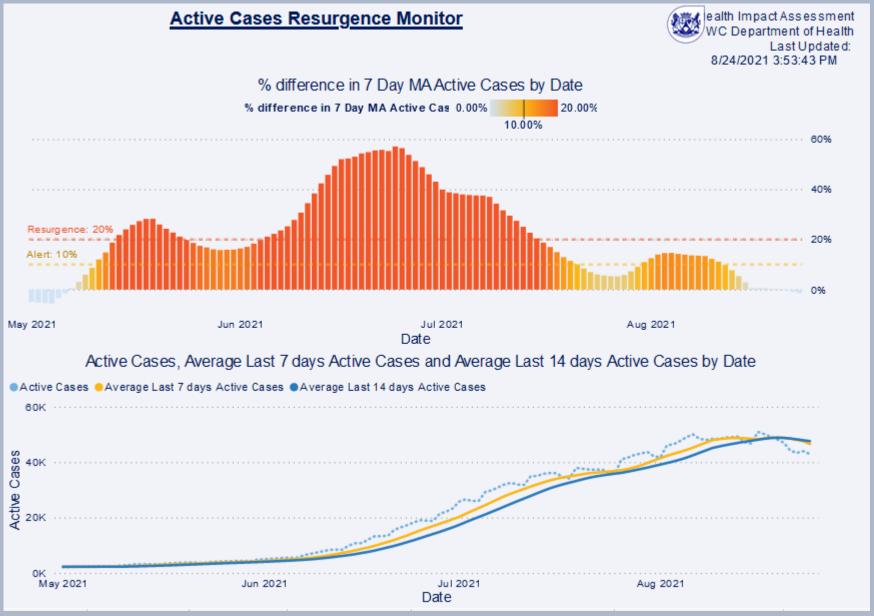
District Subdistrict No. of Cases Garden Route George 10.430 Cape Winelands Drakenstein 9,87 Garden Route Mossel Bay 6,699 West Coast Swartland 4,754 Cape Winelands Stellenbosch 4,482 West Coast Saldanha Bay 3,685 Overberg Overstrand 3,592 Cape Winelands Breede Valley 3,296 Overberg Theewaterskloof 2,912 Garden Route Oudtshoorn 2,834 Cape Winelands Langeberg 2,827 Garden Route 2,573 Knysna West Coast 2,366 Bergrivier West Coast Matzikama 2,297 2,296 Garden Route Hessequa Cape Winelands Witzenberg 1,963 Central Karoo Beaufort West 1,720 West Coast Cederberg 1,599 Overberg Swellendam 1,472 Overberg Cape Agulhas 1,149 Garden Route Bitou 947 Garden Route Kannaland 640 Central Karoo Prince Albert 409 Central Karoo Laingsburg 239

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No. of Cases by Rural Subdistrict

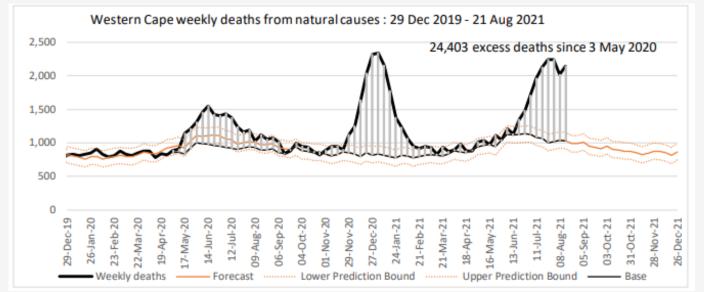
Rural Overview

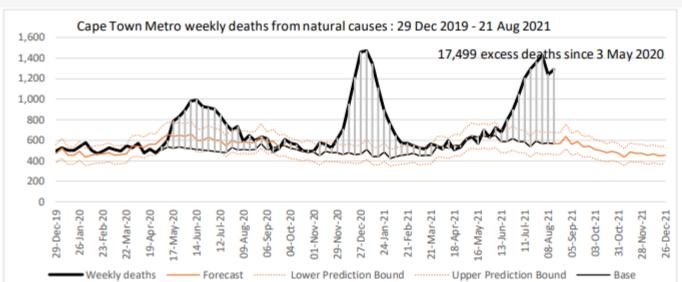
- While case numbers are also flattening in the rural districts, there are still week-on-week increases in all sub-districts.
- West Coast continues to have an increase in case numbers.



There are currently 42 780 active infectious cases.

The risk of being in contact with an infected person at any gathering therefore remains high.





Uptick in excess deaths in the last week in both Western Cape and CT Metro.

6023 reported deaths in this wave to date vs. 6507 in wave 2.

Will likely have more deaths in this wave than wave 2 although more spread out.



24 August 2021

Surveillance Huddle Notes



- Easing pressure in some area but others still seeing increases.
- Remain in the phase of widespread community transmission and mitigation.
- Many cases in schools, households, LTCF / congregate residential clusters, workplaces.
- Clusters again from social events.

Metro

KESS	Increase in proportion of public sector cases Main areas in Eastern are Kuilsrivier and Strand
	Cluster in homeless shelter ongoing
	2 school clusters – liaising with Dept. of Education
KMPSS	Cases fluctuating – up from last week but not as high as earlier in Aug
	No clusters noted
	Hospital of Hope still at capacity
NTSS	Reduction in caseload across sub-structure
	Most cases still in private sector in Northern
	Most cases still household clusters
	4 long term care facilities (LTCF) reporting cases
SWSS	Gradual downward trend in case numbers
	Dunoon 40% positivity rate (high case load)
	Wesfleur most cases (but decreasing)
	 Lots of small clusters – shelters, LTCF, schools
	Some clusters on ships – but contained

Rural

Cape Winelands	COVID-19 related high case load at Stellenbosch and Ceres
Central Karoo	 Increase in cases Lots of family clusters Large number of school children that tested positive over the district SAPS in Beaufort West remains a concern
Garden Route	 Kannaland, Hessequa and Oudtshoorn are main areas of concern Mossel Bay also remains very high with fluctuating numbers Staff are very tired with unremitting numbers Hospitals remain busy
Overberg	 Theewaterskloof is main area of concern LTCF in Riviersonderend Workplace clusters Kleinmond cluster from social event
West Coast	 Numbers still increasing in all subdistricts Lots of family clusters and streets with positive cases 3 LTCF with cases Q&I sites are very busy

Triangulating with wastewater





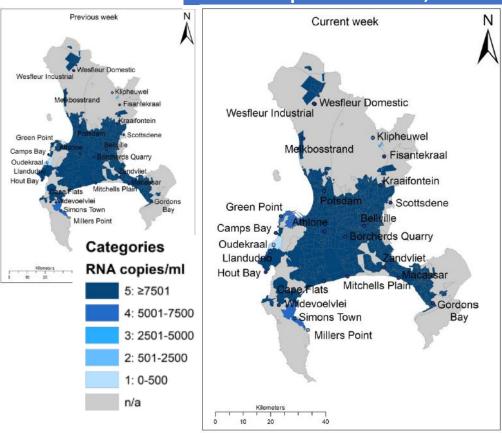




SAMRC COVID- 19 AND WASTEWATER EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

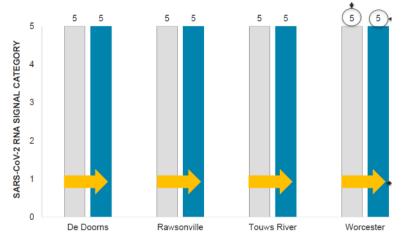
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Cape Town Metro, Breede Valley AND Overberg

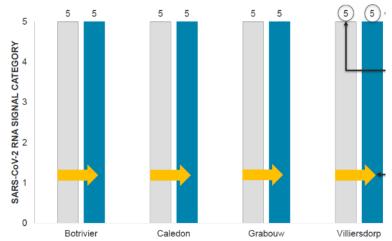


CT Metro: SARS-CoV-2 remains very high in the Metro this week.

Category 5 at 75% of treatment plants, (vs. 79% in previous week)



Breede Valley: SARS-CoV-2 remains in category 5 for all treatment plants.



Theewaterskloof: SARS-CoV-2 remains in category 5 for all treatment plants.

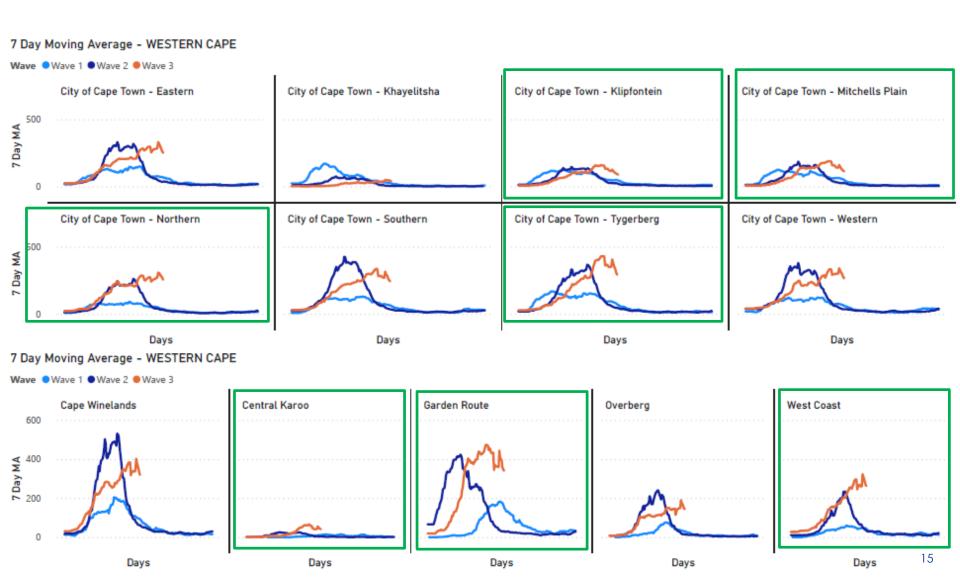
Expectations for the Third Wave & our triggered response

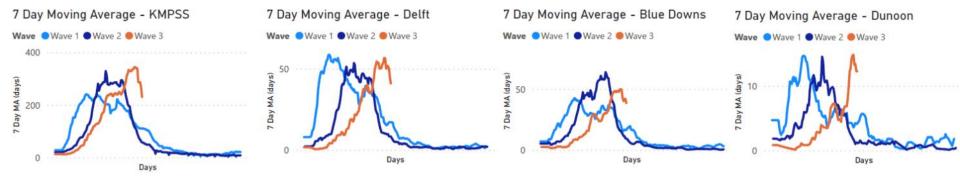


Comparing the 3 waves

3rd wave much longer than 2nd wave but peak has exceeded 2nd wave in several (sub-)districts:

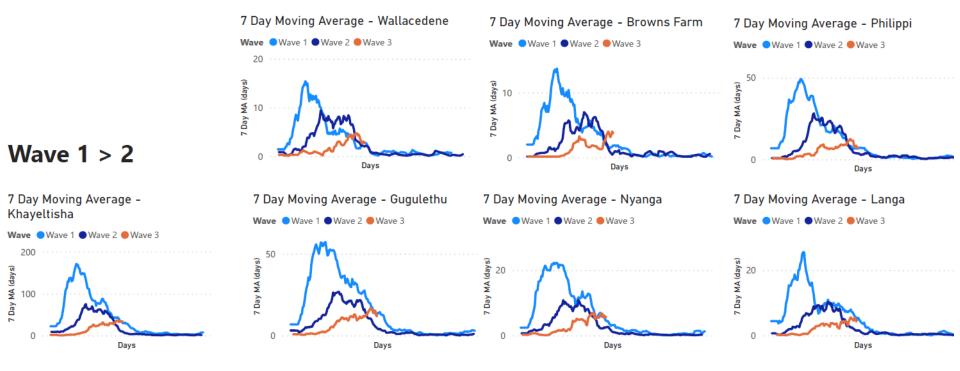
Metro: Klipfontein, Mitchells Plain, Northern, Tygerberg Rural: Central Karoo, Garden Route, West Coast





Wave 2 = 1

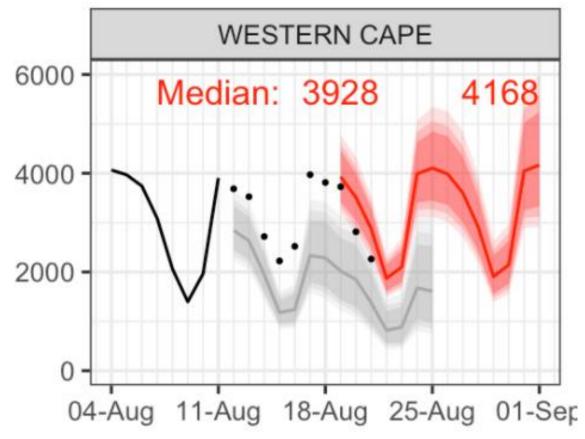
Among lower income suburbs, in those that had a very large wave 1 and a smaller wave 2, wave 3 has been even smaller.



Short term predictions from SACMC – new cases

Predicting similar number of cases for the next week.

Note: higher cases numbers than predicted for last week may be partly due to public holiday with less testing in the preceding week making predictions for last week difficult.



Black line: previous cases

Grey line:
forecast for this week
Dots:
actual cases

Red line:
Prediction for next week



Probability that provinces in 3rd wave have passed peak by 21 August 2021

Province	Probability (%)
Eastern Cape	2
Free State	10
KwaZulu-Natal	40
Limpopo	42
Mpumalanga	51
North West	51
Northern Cape	10
Western Cape	64

Probability that the WC has passed the peak is 64% (previously 34%).



Lessons learned - 3rd wave

Viral evolution Changing immunity / reinfection risk Speed, uptake & impact of vaccination Behavioural changes in a population Seasonal factors

- SARS-CoV2 has been and will continue to evolve to be better at infecting us
- Early detection & response vital
- Populations with high previous infection burden do appear protected
- Waning immunity → gradual increase in population susceptibility but unlikely to result in major resurgence in short term
- Vaccination vital to protect against severe disease and prevent services being overwhelmed but may not achieve "Herd immunity"
- → "Population effective protection"
- Early behaviour change likely flattened the curve; planned triggered approach
- Timing between provinces challenging
- ? Differentiated approach; Sustainability
- Seasonality (changes in contact rates [long weekends; school opening]),
 ventilation practices, host susceptibility; viral stability)
- Each wave has its own epidemiology expect the unexpected!

Western Cape 3rd wave – triggered response

Principle: Transparent pre-defined triggers for whole of society response to reduce transmission and prepare health services. **Note: Metrics in bold met**

Indicator	Example of Resurgence Metric
First warning: ↑ health service demand in 14-21d	Large ↑ daily cases (increase for ≥ 1 week of ≥ 20%) Overall test positivity >7% for ≥1 week >15% of hospitals have >10% of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients >50% ↑ in pre-COVID-19 hospital O ₂ use
Second warning: ↑ health service demand in 7-14d	Overall test positivity 10-15% for ≥1 week >15% week-on-week increase in 7dma of current admissions >40% of hospitals have >10% of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients >75% ↑ in pre-COVID-19 hospital O₂ use
Third warning: ↑ health service demand in 2-7d	>20% week-on-week increase in 7dma of current admissions (\$\psi_0 -2.6%)\$ >50% of hospitals have >20% of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (65%) >50% of high care, intensive care & HFNO ₂ COVID-19 beds occupied (102%) >100% \$\gamma\$ in pre-COVID-19 hospital O ₂ use (currently at 49T/day or >100%)
Health service capacity threatened	>2800 current COVID-19 inpatients (currently at 3249 admissions) Note: This is across both public and private sector. >80% of high care, intensive care & HFNO ₂ COVID-19 beds occupied (102%) >200% ↑ in pre-COVID-19 hospital O ₂ use (currently at 49T/day or ~303%)

Acute service platform – current picture

- 1. Currently **3 487 COVID patients** in our acute hospitals (**1 944** in **public** hospitals & **1 543** in **private** hospitals). This **excludes PUIs** and **cases in specialised hospital** settings.
- 2. The combined public-private oxygen utilisation is now 76 tons/day (101.3% of the maximal production capacity of 75 tons/day) at the Afrox Western Cape plant.
- 3. In addition to the increased production capacity at the WC plant around 22 tons of oxygen are being brought into the province by tankers.
- 4. COVID inter-mediate care the Brackengate Hospital of Hope currently has 289 patients (5 944 cumulative patients), Mitchell Plain Hospital of Hope has 132 patients (an additional ward had been opened) and Sonstraal currently has 65 patients.
- 5. The Metro mass fatality centre has capacity for 240 bodies; currently 32 decedents (cumulative total of 1 978 bodies) admitted.

Current Public Sector Acute Bed Utilisation per Drainage Area



WCDOH: Daily Operational Bed Status Dashboard as at 25/08/2021

						BUR % for	BUR % for
		Filled				Designated	Designated
Drainage Area		Beds				Covid	Covid
	Operational	Deus		COVID	% Covid	Beds(General	Beds(Critical
	Beds		BUR %	BUR %	patients	Wards)	Care)
Cape Town /Metro	5,065	4,991	99%	76%	26 %	73%	111%
George	918	537	58%	57%	34%	51%	129%
Paarl	998	750	75%	80%	33%	78%	116%
Worcester	769	525	68%	39%	27 %	37%	57%
SubTotal WCDOH	7,750	6,803	88%	69%	28%	66%	106%

Excluding Specialised Hospitals e.g. Mowbray Maternity, Psychiatric Hospitals, etc

Operational Bed = an inpatient bed available for inpatient use that is staffed and equipped.

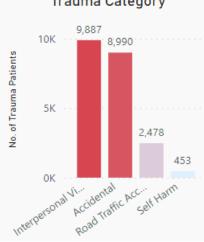


WC Sentinel Trauma Report

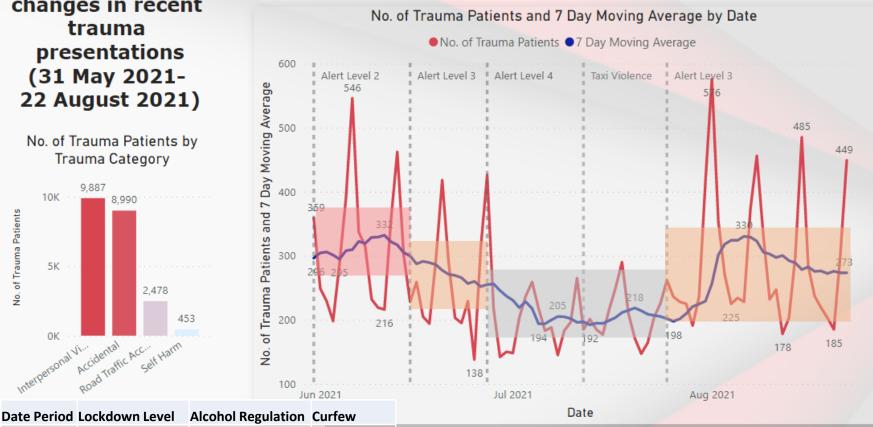
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Overview of changes in recent trauma presentations (31 May 2021-22 August 2021)

No. of Trauma Patients by Trauma Category



This report shows a sample of 17 hospital emergency centres and their trauma patient numbers over time



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31 May -15 June 2021	Alert Level 2	No restrictions	23:00-04:00
16 June -27 June 2021	Adjusted Level 3	Offsite sale restriction Mon- Thurs 10-00-18:00	22:00-04:00
28 June – 25 July 2021		Complete prohibition of sale	21:00-04:00
>26 July 2021	Adjusted Level 3	Offsite sale restriction Mon-Thurs 10-00-18:00	22:00-04:00

During alert level 2, there were no restrictions on alcohol sales. Trauma presentations continued with weekend and start/end of month peaks (despite a stricter curfew relative to alert level 1).

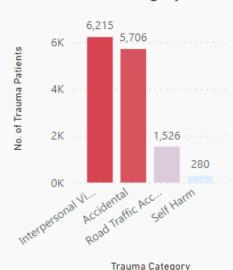
Alert Level 3 introduced some restrictions on alcohol sales and saw a decreasing trend of trauma presentations.

Alert level 4 and a complete prohibition on alcohol sales saw significant declines in trauma presentations from an already reduced baseline.

A shift back to Alert Level 3 with a lift on the complete alcohol ban at the end of a month resulted in significant trauma to hospitals, which continues to sustain, particularly over weekends.

Overview of changes in recent trauma presentations (28 June 2021-22 August 2021)

No. of Trauma Patients by Trauma Category

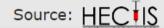


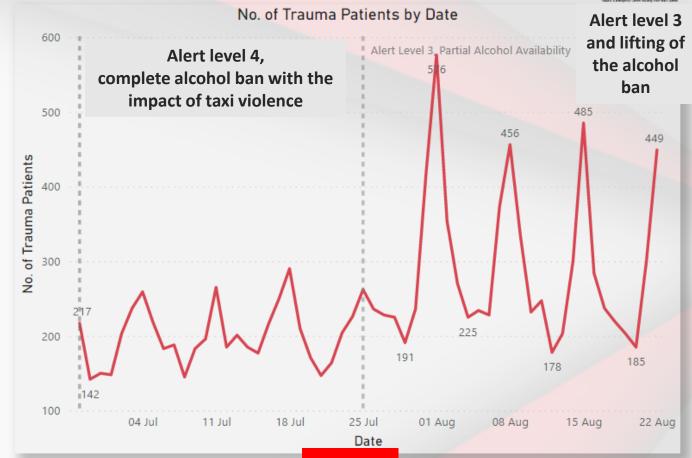
The change to alert level 3 and the recent lifting of the alcohol ban, despite a higher baseline due to the July taxi violence, has resulted in:

An increase in trauma presentations by 44% overall and almost 70% on the weekend peaks

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+69.1%

5,622

Total No. of Trauma Patients

1,985

Weekend Trauma Burden 28-06-2021 to 25-07-2021

8,105

Total No. of Trauma Patients

3,357

Weekend Trauma Burden

26-07-2021 to 22-08-2021

Preparing and Caring for our People – 3rd Wave

Workforce Planning:

- Currently, appointed 831 staff additional for COVID
- Appointed 1398 HCW and support staff which includes 583 interns for the Vaccination Drive
- Contract extensions until end of Sept and Dec to ensure continued staff capacity on the health platform (in anticipation of the 4th wave).
- 770 applicants can still be appointed, if needed

COVID: 11 new appointees

Vaccination Drive:

- 113 new appointees (HCW & Support);
- 107 interns appointed additionally

Vaccination Training:

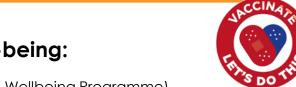
- **6209** registered vaccinators on health platform
- **4155** trained vaccinators to date

7 new registered vaccinators

8 additionally trained vaccinators

Well-being:

- Increased advocacy (Employee Wellbeing Programme)
- PPE provision and improving OHS Practices
- Vaccination Coverage increase uptake amongst HCWs
- Internal Communication & engagement with our Staff
- Staff are exhausted but pushing through encouraging rest and reset (leave provisions) – 2 special leave days
- **HEALING JOURNEY** will be communicated and implemented











Cumulative Infections

12,700

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW COVID-19 INFECTIONS AND DEATHS IN HEALTHCARE WORKERS (HCWs)



1,889

93.61%



183 % Died

Totals as at 26 Aug 2021

Active Cases

628

% Active

4.94%

Doctors



1237

Nurse

5,415

Radiographers



150

Pharmacists



132

Other categories

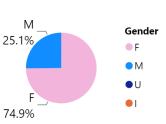
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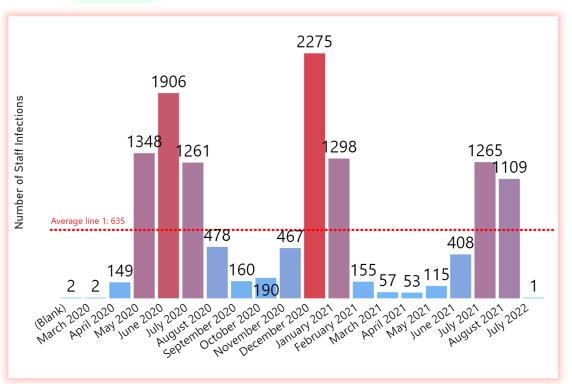
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1.44%

Gender Distribution

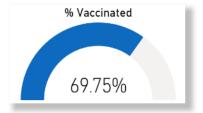






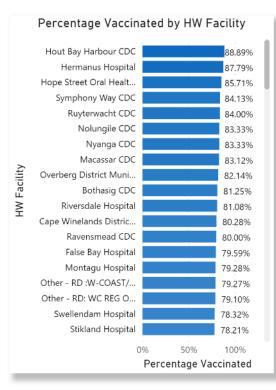
Staff Vaccination Coverage per Hospital

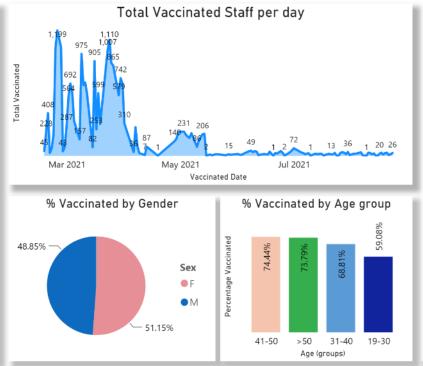
Total Staff **34,407**

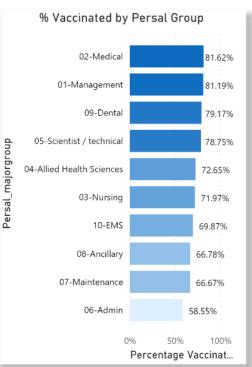


Staff Vaccinated

24,000







Vaccine Implementation update



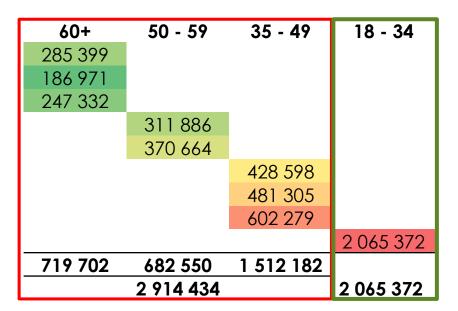
Vaccine update: Phases and Prioritisation Groups

Phase I

- Health Care Workers:
- Public & Private Health Sectors
- Care Workers
- CHWs
- Health Science students
- Traditional Healers
- Estimated target:
- 132 000

Age in years 70+ 65 to 69 60 to 64 55 to 59 50 to 54 45 to 49 40 to 44 35 to 39 18 to 34 TOTAL

16 April 2021	Registration opens for 60 Years +
01 July 2021	Registration opens for 50 – 59 Years
15 July 2021	Registration opens for 35 – 49 Years
20 August 2021	Registration opens for 18 Years +

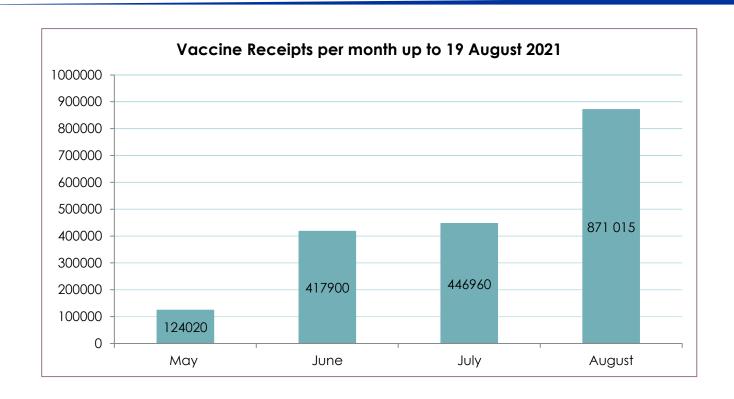




settings
• 35 – 59 Years



Updated W Cape Public Sector Vaccine Supply Pipeline



Up to 24 August 2021, the public sector has received 1 859 895 vaccine doses:

- 1 579 230 Pfizer doses
- > 280 665 J&J doses



Planned Public Sector Sites: Metro & Rural for Phase 2

District	Sub-structure	# of Planned Vaccination Sites	# of Active Sites 23 – 27 August
	Southern/Western	21	19
City of Cana Town	Klipfontein/Mitchell's Plain	15	14
City of Cape Town	Khayelitsha/Eastern	28	25
	Northern/Tygerberg	18	16
Sub-total: Metro		82	74
	Overberg District	44	20
	Garden Route District	37	34
Rural Districts	West Coast District	60	14
	Cape Winelands District	53	42
	Central Karoo District	13	10
Sub-total: Rural		207	120
TOTAL		290	194

- Public Sector Sites have come on line in a phased manner from 17 May onwards.
- 141Private sector sites (90 Metro, 51 Rural) and Workplace sites are added sequentially.
- There are weekly updates on active sites per geographic area.
- Roving teams will visit satellite clinics. Pop-up sites at strategically selected locations.
- Members of the public to check with local health contacts to confirm days of operation.



AG special vaccination programme audit – W Cape

During the audit, the team focussed on the following:

- 1. Planning and management of the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out programme
- 2. Availability of relevant resources at the vaccination site
- 3. Stock management and monitoring systems at the vaccination site
- 4. Administration of Covid-19 vaccines at the vaccination site
- 5. Disposal of medical waste at the vaccination site.

Communication of Audit Observations:

"In performing the audit on the Covid-19 vaccination programme at the Western Cape Department of Health, we did not identify shortcomings/audit findings. Our observations noted during the audit are recorded in the attached annexure".

Type of vaccination site	Name of facility	Date of visit by audit team
Hospital (vaccination only)	Lentegeur Hospital (General hall)	12 July 2021
Hospital (vaccination and distribution site)	Harry Comay TB Hospital	14 July 2021
CHC (clinic)	Thembalethu CHC	15 July 2021
CHC (clinic)	Retreat CHC	19 July 2021
Temporary outreach service	Van der Stel Sports Grounds	20 July 2021



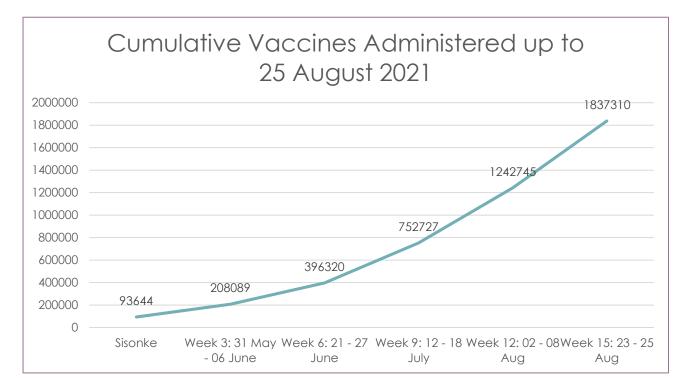
Private Sector Sites as at 23 August 2021

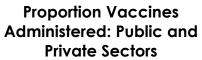
- Private sector sites are coming on board in a phased manner.
- As at 23 August 2021, there were
 90 active private sites in Metro
 and 51 in rural districts.
- Private sites include a limited number of private sector hospitals, retail pharmacies and independent pharmacies.

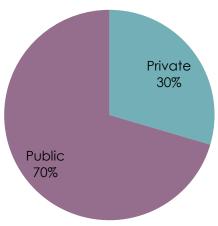
District	# of private sector sites
Metro	90
Cape Winelands	20
Central Karoo	1
Garden Route	14
Overberg	8
West Coast	8
TOTAL	141



Vaccines Administered







Cumulative Total Recorded on EVDS on 25 August 2021 = 1 837 310

Source: NDoH Dashboard (Microsoft Power BI) accessed on 25 August 2021 @20:15



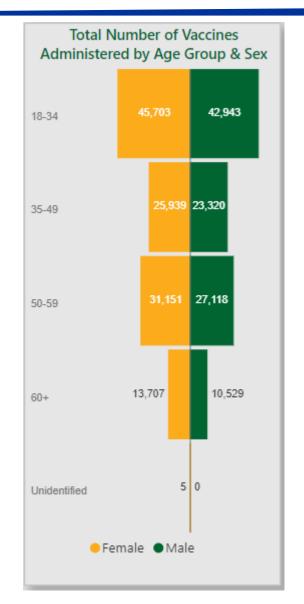
[Disclaimer: Data displayed in these graphs and tables only contains records captured on EVDS. Totals will be adjusted as back-capturing and data validation is done.]

18 – 35 Years uptake: 20 – 25 August 2021

 Registration for the age category 18 Years and older opened on 20 August 2021.

 The age category 18 – 35 Years has dominated uptake since becoming eligible, resulting in the province recording a record number of 53 290 vaccines administered on 20 August 2021.

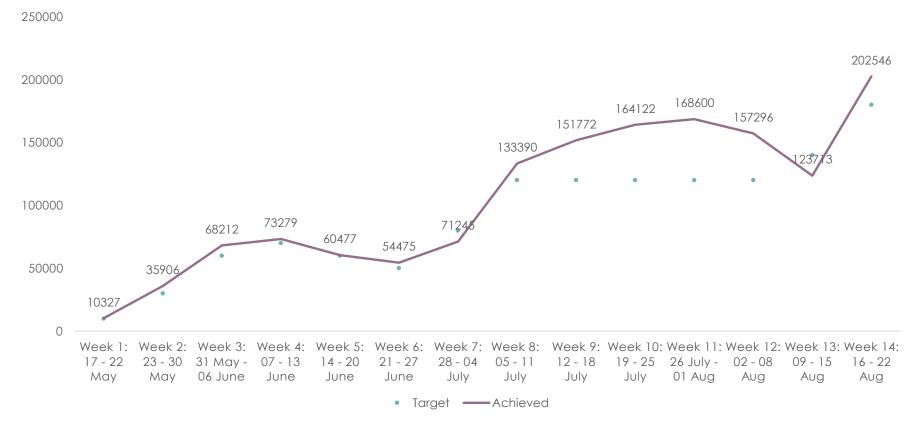
3. Between 20 and 25 August 2021, a total of **88 646** individuals between the ages of 18 and 34 years have received a Covid-19 vaccine.





Vaccinations Administered Against Weekly Targets





Note: Targets are informed by available vaccine supply.



Weekly Targets – week 13 to week 15

Week 15 onwards: Week 13: Week 14: 23 August & beyond 09-15 August 2021 16-22 August 2021 200 000 180 000 140 000 weekly target Week 14: Week 15: 23rd - 25th Aug: Achieved: Achieved: 123 713 202 546 149 556



Mass Vaccination Sites

- 1. The CTICC Vaccination Centre of Hope has administered **58 293** up to 25 August 2021.
- Up to 25 August 2021 (7 days), the
 Athlone Stadium Mass Vaccination Site
 had recorded a total of 5 800 vaccines
 administered on EVDS.
- The EMS Pinelands Mass Site will gear up to assist in getting Matriculants vaccinated ahead of the final examinations.



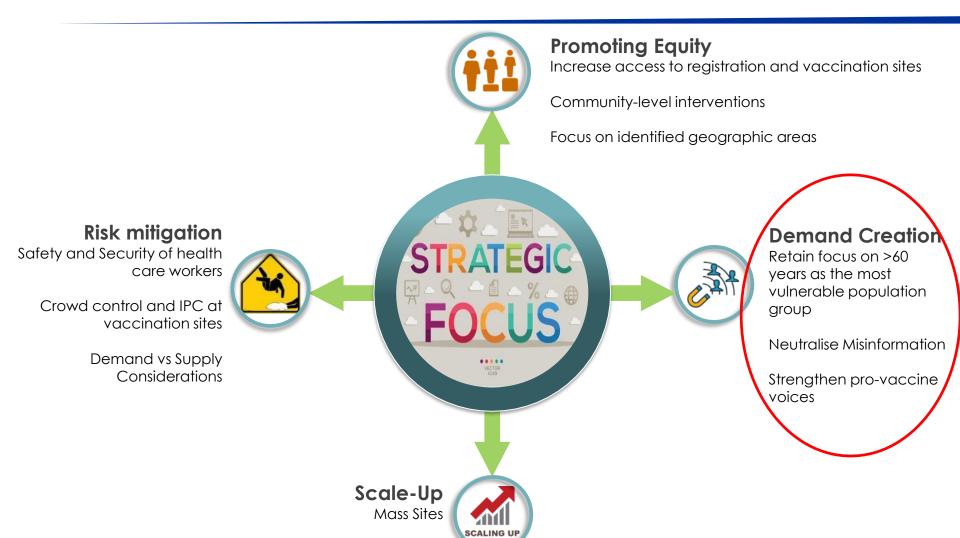
WATCH: CTICC vaccine queue snakes around building as over 18s come out for

jabs





Current Strategic Focus

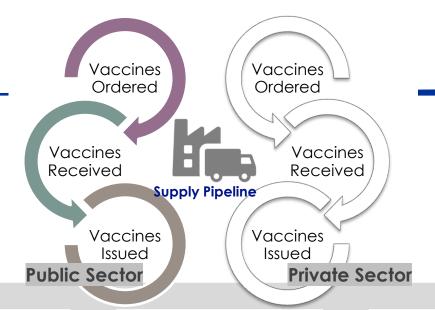


Weekend Operations

Pop-up Sites



Overall Vaccine Cascade



Individual Vaccinee Cascade

Insured

Absolute Population

 By age cohort and subdistrict

Population registered

•By age cohort and subdistrict



Operational Vaccination Capacity

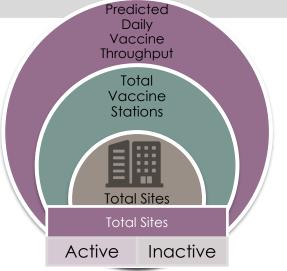
Actual Vaccinations administered

 By age cohort and subdistrict

Vaccine Coverage of Population

 By age cohort and subdistrict

Uninsured







*Note: 1 There is a one day lag in the incorporation of new vaccination data **Note 2: There is a shortfall of +/-4,000 Sisonke vaccines that is still to be incorporated ***Note 3: % coverage considers at least 1 dose given

Last Updated: 25/08/2021



WC Provincial COVID-19

Vaccine Cascade

Key Indicators

Vaccinations



Registrations

No. of People

Registered:

Total: 1,637,027

>60: 483,740

50-59: 330,529

35-49: 557,601

18-34: 265,157

% of Population

Registered

>60: 67.2%

50-59: 48.4 %

35-49: 36.9%

18-34: 12.9 %

No. of Vaccines Administered:

Total*: 1,723,447

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>60: 782,605

50-59: 384,885

35-49: 438,041

18-34: 117,663



National: 1,635,394

Coverage



Provincial Vaccine Coverage***:

% of Population who have received at least 1 dose:

Total Adult Pop >18: 26.1%

>60: 63.7%

50-59: 44.8 %

35-49: 27.4 %

18-34: 5.5 %

% of those Registered who have received at least 1 dose:

>60: 92.1%

50-59: 93.5 %

35-49: 77.2 %

18-34: 42.6 %

EVDS Registrations: >18 years as at 25 August 2021

Western Cape: 33.53% (1 665 198)

13.9% (18yrs to 34yrs) 37.3% (35yrs to 49yrs) 48.7% (50yrs to 59yrs) and 67.4% (60yrs+)

RURAL							METRO						
District	Total	18yrs to 34yrs	35yrs to 49yrs	50yrs to 59yrs	60yrs+	18yrs +	Sub-District	Total	18yrs to 34yrs	35yrs to 49yrs	50yrs to 59yrs	60yrs +	35yrs +
							Eastern	182666	16,4%	40,9%	50,3%	64,1%	35,9%
Cape Winelands	215105	15,5%	36,1%	49,1%	64,4%	32,5%	Khayelitsha	59518	3,4%	23,7%	42,6%	46,8%	16,4%
Central	12762	6,4%	32,7%	42,4%	48,1%	26,0%	Klipfontein	92682	12,1%	34,4%	50,7%	77,1%	32,0%
Karoo							Mitchells Plain	81362	6,6%	23,2%	29,4%	42,2%	18,6%
Garden Route	156386	9,6%	39,1%	50,7%	76,0%	36,1%	Northern	140279	19,8%	47,8%	51,5%	56,8%	40,1%
Overberg	81968	12,6%	39,3%	53,5%	96,9%	38,8%	Southern	196043	22,6%	41,8%	51,7%	75,5%	42,5%
West Coast	92944	9,3%	30,5%	44,7%	79,3%	29,0%	Tygerberg	151692	14,1%	33,0%	43,9%	56,7%	31,0%
							Western	201646	27,7%	59,6%	66,9%	78,8%	51,6%



Vaccine Cascade >60

Note: Subdistricts geocoded do not include the following: Unallocated: 58,781 Outside of Province: 8,668

Note 2: % coverage is calculated where at least 1 dose given

> Data Sources: EVDS via DoTP and PHDC Last Updated: 25/08/2021





Metro Subdistricts and Rural Districts



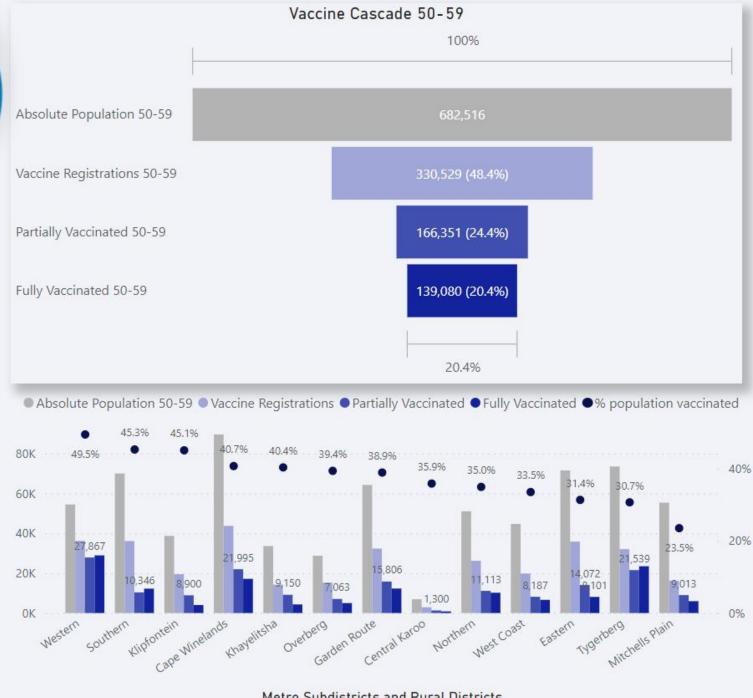
WC Provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Cascade 50-59

Note: Subdistricts geocoded do not include the following: Unallocated: 56,498 Outside of Province: 5,464

Note 2: % coverage is calculated where at least 1 dose given

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Metro Subdistricts and Rural Districts



WC Provincial COVID-19 **Vaccine** Cascade

35-49

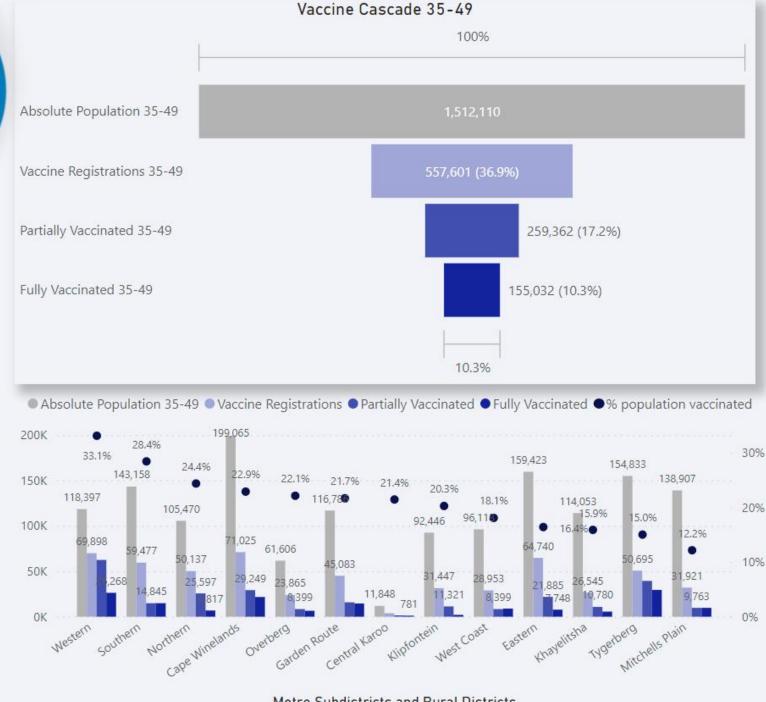
Note: Subdistricts geocoded do not include the following: Unallocated: 108,453 Outside of Province: 10,267

Note 2: % coverage is calculated where at least 1 dose given

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Vaccine Cascade

18-34

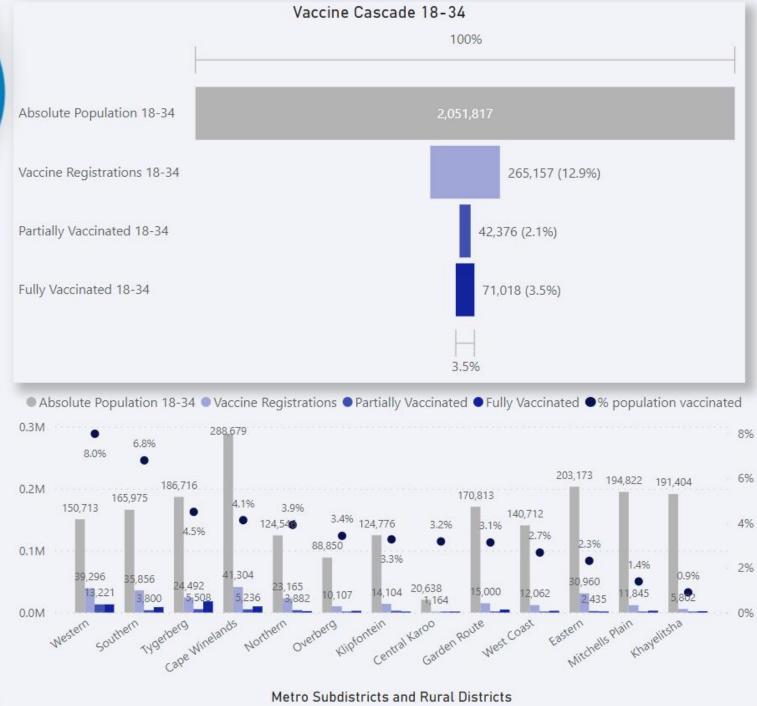
Note: Subdistricts geocoded do not include the following: Unallocated: 31,709 Outside of Province: 7,869

Note 2: % coverage is calculated where at least 1 dose given

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Western Cape Government



Communications



Keeping Safe Messaging – Let's exit the 3rd wave

Stay Safe with your family and friends



We must all stand together to beat the third wave of the coronavirus. We can do this by understanding how coronavirus spreads and keeping up our good habits.

- Coronavirus spreads through the air when people breathe, talk, cough, sing or shout.
- It spreads quickly during waves that last several months.





We can protect ourselves by:

- Keeping gatherings small, short and outdoors.
- · Making sure we have as much fresh air as
- possible indoors.
- Wearing our masks when with others or leaving the house.



Mask up!

- A 3-layer cloth mask halves the amount of coronavirus you breathe in.
- Masks protect you and the other person it shows you care.

Stay home for 10 days and test if you develop coronavirus symptoms:

- Cough
- · Loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
 Body
- Fever
- Body aches

Try to stay separate from others in your home. If you can't, wear a mask and open doors and windows.

Go to hospital immediately if you develop:

- · Difficulty breathing
- Chest pain or pressure that won't go away
- Confusion
- · Can't wake up completely







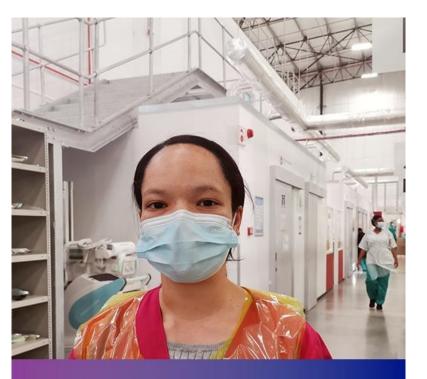
Vaccines save lives



"Because we have a relatively high uptake of the vaccine amongst people over the age of 60, we're starting to see a lot of young people – relatively healthy, without comorbidities – who have **not** taken up the vaccine ending up in hospitals, severely ill. And these are the patients who fill up most of our wards."



Central message = vaccination saves lives



"We need people to support us by getting vaccinated.

This virus is viscous, and we can't predict how it will affect
you. Vaccination is your best weapon to fight it."

- Dr Davianne de Bruin



Did you know?

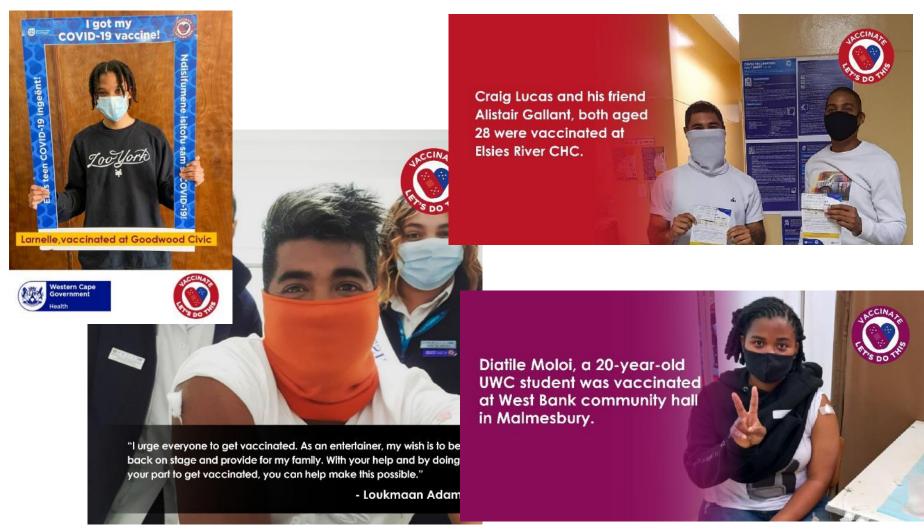
Vaccination offers 66% protection against hospitalisation and 96% protection against death.







Localised message = Uptake





Tackling ongoing misinformation







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What should I expect after vaccination?

Side effects such after a COVID-19 vaccination can be expected.

The most common are headaches, feeling tired, mild flu symptoms, and pain at the injection site.

Don't worry. This means the vaccine is working. Most side effects are mild and **disappear after 2 to 3 days**.







Will the vaccine change my DNA?

No, the vaccine cannot affect your genetics or DNA. It's just impossible.

The vaccine triggers your immune system to make antibodies to fight against COVID-19.

The **vaccine** does not remain in your body but **gets broken** down and discarded by your body.





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Is the vaccine safe?

Yes.



How do you know?

The COVID-19 vaccines were widely tested by expert researchers and were found to be safe for use.

Over 1.84 billion people worldwide have already been safely fully vaccinated. That's over 1 840 000 000 people and nearly 1 in every 4 people on Earth.





Conclusions



Concluding remarks

- 1. We are at the peak of 3rd wave with early signs of decline, but urge everyone to adhere strictly to protective behaviours, to contain it over the coming weeks.
- 2. We have tailored our response to the 3rd wave, with clearly identified trigger points for an appropriate health platform and societal response.
- 3. We continue to require a concerted whole of government and whole of society response to flatten the 3rd wave, to protect the health system.
- 4. We have scaled up our vaccination capacity to administer vaccines over the past 14 weeks. We have the capacity to vaccinate >50 000 people/day.
- 5. We need to scale our **mobilisation and assist everyone >18 years** to be **registered on the EVDS**, and **to be vaccinated**. Lets all be **vaccine ambassadors**.



Thank you

