

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Government announces changes on vaccination programme

Pretoria: The Department of Health would like to announce changes with regards to vaccination programme as part of ongoing efforts guided by scientific evidence to increase uptake to COVID-19 vaccine in South Africa.

Some of these changes include reduction of time interval between first and second doses of Pfizer from 42 days to 21 days with effect from Wednesday, 23 February 2022. Firstly, all individuals who are fully vaccinated with Pfizer vaccine, meaning they have received both doses, will now be eligible for booster dose 90 days (or three months) after the second dose instead of the current 180 days (or six months) interval.

Secondly, all individuals older than 18 years of age who have received one dose of the COVID-19 J&J vaccine will, with effect from today (Monday, 21 February 2022) be eligible to receive a booster dose of the same vaccine

