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GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MULTI-AGENCY COMMAND CENTRE

UPDATE: COVID-19 POSTIVE CASES, 13 December 2021

Sub-district	TOTAL	Active	Recovered	Deaths
Bitou	4 544	184	4 223	137
George	24 748	707	23 205	836
Hessequa	5 030	81	4 734	215
Kannaland	1 790	40	1 673	77
Knysna	8 283	210	7 816	257
Mossel Bay	15 747	252	15 025	470
Oudtshoorn	8 305	125	7 688	492
Sub-total	68 447	1 599	63 364	2 484

Active cases / 100 000 pop	Previous: On 6 December 2021
276	51
337	56
151	34
178	18
274	48
264	57
133	17
258	45

WC: 296 WC: 85

	Petrosa
Quarantine	1
Isolation	6

Total new cases 7-14d ago vs 7d ago: 191 : 1 409 **638% increase**
4 721 : 16 **242% increase**
Western Cape 142 **increase**

General points:

1. There is an increase in the number of active cases in all sub-districts, the total for the district increased from 281 on 6 December 2021 to 1 599 on 13 December 2021.
2. All sub-districts show an increase in the rate/100 000. The district rate is 258/100 000 compared to 45/100 00 on 6 December 2021 but lower than the provincial rate of 296/100 000. The district rate is

the highest among the rural districts, only Cape Town Metro has a higher rate at 310/100 000.

3. There has been a **638%** increase in new cases in the last 7 days compared to 7-14 days ago.
The district increase is 2.6 times more than the provincial increase of 242%.
4. There are six Covid positive patients in total in district hospitals.
 4. George Hospital has 10 confirmed Covid patients in the general Covid ward, none in the Critical Care Unit or requiring any oxygen
6. Private hospitals are also starting to see admissions again.
7. All hospitals are manageable.

Vaccine Program

1. Isisonke Program: 7 939, J&J Program: 12 882,
Pfizer first dose: 84 147
Total people with at least one dose:
104 968
2. Total people with second dose Pfizer:
28 018
J&J Program (total): 67
762
Pfizer first dose: 164
288
Total people with at least one dose:
232 050

Total people with second dose Pfizer:
131 504

Total % of population > 50yrs fully
vaccinated: 66.7%
Total % of population 18-49 yrs partially
vaccinated: 45.3%

Way forward for vaccinations:

1. There remains a poor response to weekday and weekend vaccinations.
2. We have sufficient Pfizer and one-dose J&J vaccines for all our needs.
3. New development: Additional vaccination outreach services done by two entities:

NGO: Khethimpilo

EMS Vaxi-taxi

4. Policy development:

- 4.1 Adolescents (12-17 years) are now eligible for second Pfizer vaccine (42 days after first one).
SMS's will be sent out.
- 4.2 Change in Covid testing criteria during 4th wave upsurge
As a general principle:

- community members under 50 and with minor symptoms and no risk factors are not tested

- antigen testing is first-line test in PHC facilities

4.3 In the pipeline/under development

- reviewing the policy for following up of Covid positives and contacts

- considering the use of a centralized Call Centre to follow up select at risk people only

- reviewing the time periods for isolation and quarantine