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GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MULTI-AGENCY COMMAND CENTRE

UPDATE: COVID-19 POSTIVE CASES, 21 February 2022

Sub-district	TOTAL	Active	Recovered	Deaths
Bitou	5 651	42	5 466	143
George	29 065	230	27 935	900
Hessequa	6 166	87	5 847	232
Kannaland	2 067	4	1 983	80
Knysna	9 690	40	9 363	287
Mossel Bay	18 373	89	17 790	494
Oudtshoorn	9 583	58	8 998	527
Sub-total	80 595	550	77 382	2 663

Active cases / 100 000 pop	Previous: On 14 February 2022
63	85
110	116
162	147
18	36
52	56
93	123
62	90
89	102

Site closed

	Petrosa
Quarantine	0
Isolation	0

WC: 98 WC: 101

Total new cases 7-14d ago vs 7d ago: 280 : 239 15% decrease
Western Cape 3 202 : 3 402 6% increase

General points:

1. From previous week, there is a decrease in the number of active cases in all sub-districts, the total for the district decreased from 633 on 14 February 2022 to 550 on 21 February 2022.
2. Hessequa sub-district shows an increase in the rate/100 000. The district rate is 89/100 000 compared to 102/100 00 on 14 February 2022 and lower than the provincial rate of 98/100 000. The district rate is the third highest among all the districts.
3. There has been a 15% decrease in new cases in the last 7 days compared to 7-14 days ago. The district had a decrease compared to the Provincial increase of 6%.
4. All the district hospitals are quiet. There were 6 Covid positive cases admitted in district hospitals on 21/2/2022, five less than a week ago - 2 in Riversdale Hospital, 0 in Ladismith Hospital, 1 in Knysna Hospital, 0 in Mossel Bay Hospital, 0 in Uniondale Hospital, 0 in Oudtshoorn hospital and 3 in Harry Comay Hospital.
5. George Hospital has 3 Covid patients in the general ward, none in Critical Care.

Policy development

1. National Cabinet meeting of 31 Jan 2022: new policy directives for Quarantine and Isolation to be implemented. These new directives will greatly ease stipulations for Q and I.

Vaccine Program (data available until 20/2/2022)

J&J Program (total): 73 205

Pfizer first dose: 172 556

Total people with at least one dose:
245 761

Total people with second dose Pfizer:
142 277

A total of 3 856 people received the J&J booster dose.

A total of 12 589 people received the Pfizer booster dose.

A total of 436 immunocompromised vaccines were administered to adults 18 years and older.

Total % of population > 50yrs fully vaccinated:
68,9%

Total % of population 18-49 yrs partially vaccinated: 49,3%.

Way forward for vaccinations:

1. There remains a poor response to vaccinations.
2. We have sufficient Pfizer and one-dose J&J vaccines for all our needs.
3. Implementation of Circular H15 of 2022: integrating Covid-19 vaccination as part of routine care on the health service platform (infacility and community-based platform). Integration of Covid-19 vaccination must be geared towards achieving the targets across the different age bands and geographic areas.

4. Implementation of circular H18 of 2022: changes to dosing intervals and introduction of heterologous booster doses.

- From 21/2/2022: The interval between the first and second doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be reduced from 42 days to 21 days.
- From 23/2/2022: Individuals over 18 years who have received 2 doses of Pfizer vaccine will be eligible to receive the booster dose of the same vaccine or a booster dose of J&J after 90 days
- From 23/2/2022: Individuals over 18 years who have received a J&J vaccine will be eligible to receive the booster dose of the same vaccine or a booster dose of Pfizer after 60 days.