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GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MULTI-AGENCY COMMAND CENTRE

UPDATE: COVID-19 POSTIVE CASES, 28 February 2022

Sub-district	TOTAL	Active	Recovered	Deaths
Bitou	5 671	30	5 498	143
George	29 129	168	28 064	897
Hessequa	6 184	71	5 881	232
Kannaland	2 074	3	1 991	80
Knysna	9 721	51	9 383	287
Mossel Bay	18 404	77	17 836	491
Oudtshoorn	9 602	46	9 029	527
Sub-total	80 785	446	77 682	2 657

Active cases / 100 000 pop	Previous: On 21 February 2022
45	63
80	110
132	162
13	18
67	52
81	93
49	62
72	89

WC:
93 WC: 98

Total new cases 7-14d ago vs 7d ago: 234 : 15% decrease
199 : 1% decrease
Western Cape 3 241 : 3 210 decrease

General points:

1. From previous week, there is an increase in the number of active cases in Knysna sub-district, the total for the district decreased from 550 on 21 February 2022 to 446 on 28 February 2022.
2. Knysna sub-district shows an increase in the rate/100 000. The district rate is 72/100 000 compared to 89/100 000 on 21 February 2022 and lower than the provincial rate of 93/100 000. The district rate is the third lowest 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 and more than the Provincial decrease of only 1%.
4. All the district hospitals are quiet. There were 2 Covid positive cases admitted in district hospitals on 28/2/2022, four less than a week ago - 0 in Riversdale Hospital, 0 in Ladismith Hospital, 1 in Knysna Hospital, 1 in Mossel Bay Hospital, 0 in Uniondale Hospital, 0 in Oudtshoorn hospital and 0 in Harry Comay Hospital.
5. George Hospital has 2 Covid patients in the general ward, none in Critical Care.

Policy development

1. Implementation of Circular H20 of 2022: Contact tracing, Isolation, Quarantine and Testing remains in place. The Petro SA has closed.
2. Implementation of Circular H21 of 2022: Policy on visitors and escorts at health facilities during the 4th covid inter-wave.

Vaccine Program (data available until 27/2/2022)

J&J Program (total):

73 676

Pfizer first dose:

172 991

Total people with at least one dose: 246

667

Total people with second dose Pfizer: 143

064

A total of 4 447 people received the J&J booster dose.

A total of 16 062 people received the Pfizer booster dose.

A total of 445 immunocompromised vaccines were administered to adults 18 years and older.

Total % of population > 50yrs fully

vaccinated: 69.1%

Total % of population 18-49 yrs partially

vaccinated: 49,7%.

Way forward for vaccinations:

1. There remains a poor response to vaccinations. However, there was an increase in the uptake of Vaccinations in Mossel Bay sub-district in the past week.
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.

-Persons who have received 2 J&J vaccines are currently fully vaccinated and do not require additional Pfizer vaccine.

5. Implementation of Circular H22 of 2022: co-administration of Covid-19 and other vaccines.