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Dear Doctor

Re: JOIN US in the Vaccines 4 Healthcare Workers Initiative!

The South African COVID-19 vaccination plan intends to vaccinate frontline healthcare workers first. Since the announcement on the 7th of January 2021, there has been a flurry of activity to prepare for the identification of personnel, appropriate selection and distribution of the limited supplies of vaccine.

It became apparent that private General Practitioners as a group have not been well catered for in the planning and that there was not a well-considered distribution plan for this group.

There is no single database or source of information on the whereabouts of GP practices in the country and no easy way to identify practices requiring vaccinations, nor those willing to participate in the later phases of vaccine roll-out.

A Task Team, representing Unity Forum for Private Practitioners (UFFP - which includes IPAF, SAMA, EMC, SAMDP and ASAIPA) are working with the NDOH to secure sites for GP's to participate in the Covid 19 vaccination roll out.

Members of the UFFP have put a process in place whereby GP practices can identify themselves for vaccinations, as well as identify their localities, so that GP groups can ensure their members are included in the first Phase of the vaccination programme in the country.

This has been done in discussion and with advice from the Department of Health, who will be supplied the information to enable them to supply GP practices with vaccines.

We are required to present for:

- Phase I:** A data base of FP's in SA.
 Geo mapping of their location.
- Phase II:** Capacity of GP practices to vaccinate.



We have initiated the development of a website where details of GP practices will be captured to develop a database of member practices in need of vaccine distribution, as well as to identify those practices willing to assist in the later vaccine rollout to the general public. This website and database registration is available to any and all GP practice, not only members of the participating organisations.

All General Practitioners will be able to register their contact details, as well as interest to participate in later vaccination phases for the general population.

Completion of the registration process will only take a few minutes of your time.

Please join us so that we can ensure co-ordination of vaccinations adequately to General Practitioners in need, as well as to your patients through the General Practitioners vaccination sites.

The website is called:

“Vaccines for Healthcare Workers”: www.V4HCW.co.za

Kind Regards,

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