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UPDATE ON SARS-COV-2 CORONAVIRUS VACCINE ROLLOUT STRATEGY

- In line with commitment to keep the public informed of developments relating to the vaccine rollout strategy, Department of Health communicated recent developments of national importance.
- “When we held the press briefing on Sunday, 3 January 2021, we indicated that, in so far as our negotiations with individual manufacturing companies was concerned, we were bound by the non-disclosure agreements and confidentiality clauses that we had agreed to. We accept these as we recognise that we are negotiation with independent private companies who may not want details disclosed until certain or all terms and conditions between the parties are met.”
- We are happy that the SII/ Astra Zeneca vaccine has already been approved by various regulators and is being rolled out in other countries. Therefore, as part of expediting the regulatory process, SAHPRA is applying reliance on that regulatory work.
- We also want to inform the public that the acquisition has been done directly by the Department of Health. This strengthens the credibility of the process as all the negotiations and payment issues are managed directly by government with the manufacturer.
- We will now be engaging all relevant stakeholders in order to ensure the efficient and effective roll out of the vaccine for our health workers.
- We urge the public to be patient with us as we continue to engage manufacturers. Our commitment remains to save and protect the lives of our people. We will not neglect our responsibility to protect lives and also fight this pandemic. We therefore call on all South Africans, members of the public, political parties, business, labour, NGOs and community leaders and members to work with us as we start this historic process.
- For more information visit: <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-update-sars-cov-2-coronavirus-vaccine-rollout-strategy-7-jan-2021>



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