

Dear South Africa is a network of online platforms designed to facilitate government and encourage the public to participate in unbiased decision-making processes or policy formation at SOE, municipal, provincial and national levels.



## Public Participation on Covid Vaccine Roll-out in South Africa

7 January 2021 – 23 February 2021

President Cyril Ramaphosa announced earlier this week that the country had secured 20 million vaccine doses to combat the coronavirus, which were to be delivered mainly in the first half of the year. It will aim to inoculate two-thirds of the population by the end of the year.

Last week, the government announced it had struck a deal for an initial 1.5 million doses of a vaccine developed by AstraZeneca Plc and the University of Oxford from The Serum Institute of India Ltd, with the first shipments set to arrive this month, Bloomberg reported.

On the top of the list of people to receive the doses will be 200,000 healthcare and health-related workers.

Local Scientists estimate the country would likely reach herd immunity at around 67% of the population – around 40 million people.

The above public participation campaign was released on 15 January 2021 where the closing date was set to 28 February 2021.

Written submissions and enquiries were received and prepared to direct to The Minister of Health.

Dear South Africa (DearSA) hosted a participation project through Dear South Africa's mobile and online platform to facilitate, educate and encourage public participation and comment to shape the outcome.

<https://dearsouthafrica.co.za/c19vaccine/>

### Included on the web page was:

- 1 - the published Amendments and related documents as downloadable PDFs
- 2 - published notice, methodology and the consultation paper.
- 3 - a live view of public comments (with a counter and breakdown reflecting number of participants)
- 4 - video summaries
- 5 - links to relevant media articles
- 6 - a portal which posed two questions (with the option of three responses per question)
- 7 - a comment facility to provide input on the Proposal



DearSA captured all public entries which have been used to produce this report.

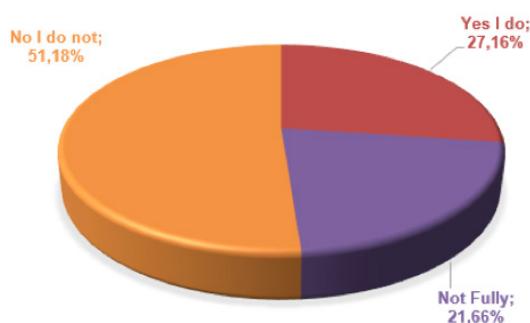
**Note:** In order to accurately reflect public comment, DearSA's projects are unbiased and hold no partisan opinion or agenda. Raw captured data is attached as an Excel file.

A total of **17,150** comments were received by the set closing of 28 February 2021 (included in the Excel file). This report reflects the entries received by the closing date.

Two question presented;

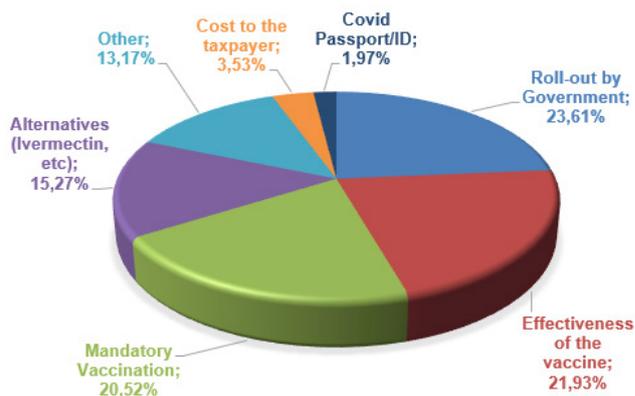
1. Do you support the roll-out of the Covid vaccine?

Yes, I do	[4,658 selected]	27.16%
No, I do not	[8,778 selected]	51.18%
Not fully	[3,714 selected]	21.66%



2. What is your top concern?

Roll-out by Government	[4,049 selected]	23.61%
Effectiveness of the vaccine	[3,761 selected]	21.93%
Mandatory Vaccination	[3,519 selected]	20.52%
Alternatives (Ivermectin, etc)	[2,618 selected]	15.27%
Other	[2,259 selected]	13.17%
Cost to the taxpayer	[606 selected]	3.53%
Covid Passport/ID	[228 selected]	1.97%



2. continues ...



---

## Comments

The participants are encouraged to provide comment to justify their selection in order to help shape the policy amendment.

**Of the “Yes, I do” comments**, the participants support the roll-out of the Covid vaccine, but this comes attached with suggested conditions. Majority of the public in this category feel that the vaccine should be made available across South Africa utilising a rapid deployment strategy, but that the vaccine should not be made mandatory. Further to this, it was mentioned that alternative treatment options such as Ivermectin should be made available to the citizens of South Africa. The uncertainty of the public was also highlighted in relation to the cost of the vaccine and possible compensation offers in cases that may react negatively.

### Suggestions from the “Yes I do” comments, include;

#### Concern; Roll-out by Government

1. “Rollout should not be confined to government alone. All doctors and medical Aids and clinics and private hospitals should be allowed to administer vaccine to speed up the process”
2. “I am just very concerned that the roll out has taken so long and so many may have died unnecessarily. Is there no way to speed it up and get to the people sooner? I hope private doctors and pharmacies will be involved to get this moving forward faster. Vaccines are our lifeline.”
3. “The vaccine should be obtained by our private medical practitioner and then the burden of roll out would not be so onerous on the public health system.”
4. “It is of utmost importance that this is done with transparency and rapidly.”
5. “Solutions:
  - Ask private sector to assist with negotiations
  - Get skilled senior managers in place and not unqualified politicians
  - Allow other organisations (E.g., Medical Schemes to import vaccine as well)
  - Add already qualified people to the plan. That is clinics, hospitals, doctors, pharmacies, etc...”
6. “It concerns me that the vaccine might not get to people that require it based on finances.”

#### Concern; Effectiveness of the Vaccine

1. “Side effects and legal recourse and or compensation should I be adversely affected in a manner that leaves my health in worsened state after having taken the vaccine.”
2. “I believe if we want some kind of return to a normal life, we need to be vaccinated against COVID-19. My concern is whether there will be side effects & the efficacy of it. I believe that those who can afford to pay for it should, to help those that can't afford to pay. I also believe that Ivermectin should undergo further tests.”
3. “The Corona Virus changes the strain, so I'm concerned about the effectiveness of the vaccine as it has just been created. My recommendation is that there be continuous research to keep up with the strain of the virus.”
4. “My concern is we need to get the bes/ most effective vaccine. If the Pfizer one has 95% effectiveness and the cost is 15 USD and we have the storage facilities (right temperatures to store the vaccine), then we should not look at cost, we should give our citizens and residents the best. If cost is a major concern, please allow private sector to procure, so that those people who can afford to pay the 15USD in the private or public sector do so, then those who cannot afford can still get it for free from public sector facilities. I do not understand why we should procure a vaccine with 70% effectiveness when there is one that has 95% effectiveness. Please procure the best, those who can pay will pay for it; those who cannot pay will get it for free.”



- 
5. "My only concern is the effectiveness of the vaccine and how the Government should ensure that they take full responsibility to protect the citizens from harmful vaccines."

#### Concern; Mandatory Vaccination

1. "Government must not force people to vaccinate, we are adult we can make our own decisions. I'm against mandatory vaccination?"
2. "I support the government's decision to maintain their human rights charter at all costs. It is imperative that the vaccine rollout and no future vaccination roll out ever becomes mandatory. We live in a free society and long may our freedoms reign supreme."
3. "Vaccination should be optional for people who are healthy and not high risk."
4. "People should be allowed to choose if they want the vaccine or not. It shouldn't be mandatory. Those who preferred other treatments should be allowed."
5. "It's time to start believing that this is a solution. People are getting very sick. It's the right thing to do."

#### Concern; Alternatives (Ivermectin, etc.)

1. "I strongly believe that Ivermectin should be tried in South Africa, as we are not sure if the vaccine works against the new strain. At the worst we will know if Ivermectin works or not."
2. "Ivermectin is a far cheaper solution, and can be manufactured here in South Africa, to create employment, and ensure that the economy is being brought back to life. "
3. "I believe government should roll out the 20 million to willing SA citizens and then lift the baseless ban on ivermectin so to give a lifeline to the SA members that are reluctant to take the vaccine. Opting out must not be a death sentence. Other SADAC countries are using ivermectin and it is doing miracles."
4. "The oxford vaccine as only one injection and the cold chain management is more feasible for Africa's lack of adequate infrastructure and care of the process"
5. "I am concerned about reports coming from Norway and elsewhere about side effects and deaths from pfizer vaccine. Not enough time for testing. Doctors should be able to use Ivermectin if it has been approved effective."
6. "At present the research on Ivermectin seems to indicate that it successfully helps to prevent/ cure covid. Surely it should be used even before the vaccine"

#### Concern; Other

1. "Your economy is very dependent on tourism. We will not come to visit south Africa unless the majority of the population is vaccinated, especially against the variant you have there. A global virus like Covid needs to be eradicated worldwide, for it to be controlled."
2. "Over 75-year-olds need to be a priority along with health workers."
3. "Lack of transparency and communication. I would like to suggest that government publishes weekly figures, by phase and category, showing targets and achievements and if targets are not met, reasons must be stated. I also think that there should be greater transparency about funding. The "trust us, we are your government" approach is not good enough."
4. "Prisoners should be LAST to be vaccinated. Criminals should not be seen as more deserving than tax paying citizens. Everyone must show their ID's to receive the vaccine. Rollout should start as a matter of urgency. Medical Aid companies should be allowed to procure vaccines in order to get their members vaccinated. Government are too slow."
5. "Private sector must be involved in purchase and roll out of vaccines."



### Concern; Cost to the taxpayer

1. "This vaccine should be a free vaccine to all people especially pensioners and over 60 years of age regardless of employment or not, health and emergency workers. This should be monitored as per the elections out and should be precisely documented and controlled thus avoiding corruption and deals for cadres. Perhaps it should be monitored by the WHO / OUTA/ INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY that can be trusted."
2. "As all the funds so far received by South Africa seem to have been misappropriated, I am concerned that the taxpayers are going to be expected to fund this, which would be unacceptable. Those found to have misappropriated government funds should have all their possessions confiscated to pay for the vaccine, not be given ongoing chances to appear before commissions that never get to a conclusion."
3. "I am all for the roll-out. However Prioritising Prisoners that have been removed from society, Prisoners are already a massive Tax Burden and has no constructive contribution to this country and building it. Rather prioritise people that is an asset and has a meaningful role to play in this country."
4. "I am afraid that if taxpayers need to carry the burden for this, it will not be a one-time cost for the individual but will increase the amount of tax we have to pay on a permanent basis. This will affect the possibilities for corruption as well."
5. "My main concern is that we already heard that our taxes will be increased, then also, we as taxpayers will most probably be forced to buy the vaccine for ourselves, because we can afford to, thus paying twice for something that we too, should get for free."
6. "Vaccine should not be compulsory and should not be funded by tax payers."

### Concern; Covid Passport/ID

1. "Concerned that the vaccine will become mandatory for travel, work, banking and used to control all sectors of our lives. Why is our government not considering the use of the Chinese Sinovax vaccine where only one dose is needed and has been shown to have no serious side effects on people in countries where it's been used? China has offered their vaccine FREE to many developing countries."
2. "My concern is that the exclusion of undocumented individuals may lead to further discrimination of people and would obviously impact migration globally having a disadvantage for the poor. Also, if we exclude people who are undocumented would we be able to achieve herd immunity as we don't even know how many they are in South Africa."
3. "Covid passport/ID should not be a mandatory international travel requirement to & from RSA."
4. "Don't want COVID passport, should be treated like any other vaccine and on voluntary basis"

**Of the "Not Fully" comments,** the public have raised similar concerns to the category above. In addition, the participants have suggested that the private sector should also be included in the roll out strategy to those that would voluntarily like to take the vaccine. Many individuals pay a premium for a medical aid service and the consumers feel that the private sector should be included for two main reasons: (i) to manage the cost and (ii) to increase the reach of the deployment methodologies in the shortest amount of time.

There is uncertainty around the research and efficacy of the vaccine which needs to be considered as cause for concern. Citizens that take the vaccine should have healthcare options made available to monitor their health response for longer than a period of 15 minutes to correctly record and treat any adverse effects.



---

## Suggestions from the “Not fully” comments, include;

### Concern; Roll-out by Government

1. “The national Covid vaccine software platform will create chaos in terms of accessibility for most of the people. I suggest that the existing medical aids to be allowed to have their platforms for programming the vaccination and completely roll over the vaccination process for their members. Non-members to use government platform and its process.”
2. “I am not comfortable with the fact that the government wants to centralize the roll-out. The government has a history of unreliability and perhaps even corruption in much of what they are involved in. I do not want to entrust them with this important task.”
3. “My concern is the effectiveness and efficiency of the roll out by Government. The possibility of corruption with the roll out of the vaccine. Why should the vaccine roll out be outsourced? It must be managed and controlled by Government itself. I'm concerned about the effectiveness of the vaccine.? Why can't the South African government use the cheaper alternative as in India?”
4. “Corruption is a big concern. Another is when will the elderly & ordinary public get a vaccination & what quality will it be?”
5. “I Believe free market principles should apply and the private sector should be allowed to procure and distribute the vaccine.”

### Concern; Effectiveness of the Vaccine

1. “Well, my concern with this vaccine is that this virus has already showed us that it can mutate and adapt and my concern with this vaccine is that it might only be effective for the first strain which wasn't as bad as the next one. What if we're all inoculated and the virus mutates in it's host once more and becomes something more dreadful. Personally, I think that this vaccine requires more study before it is rolled out in such multitudes.”
2. “The safety and effectiveness of the vaccines has not been fully tested or validated. In addition, making it compulsory in order to travel seems excessively restrictive, a way of forcing mandatory vaccination. Finally, the decisions around who should be eligible for vaccination first has not been made in the best interests of the long-term growth and stability of the country and it's skilled workers.”
3. “The Vaccines should go through our Health system, should be checked and tested to be approved that its safe and there is no aftereffects or DNA alterations as what has been going on the rounds on social media. People are willing to take the vaccine, only if it's safe.”
4. “My biggest concern is that Covid-19 (and its most recent variant which is highly infectious) mutates very quickly. What's the use of vaccinating for one strain only for a completely different strain to develop a few weeks later? That will be cause for a completely new vaccine to be developed. So are we going to keep procuring new vaccines each time a new strain develops?”
5. “There are too many unknown factors with the vaccine still being in experimental stages.”

### Concern; Mandatory Vaccination

1. “Vaccination should be my choice. Until the side effects are fully disclosed, I should reserve the right not to be vaccinated.”
2. “A vaccine that is less than a year old is too unsafe. The vaccine should be optional and not forced upon the citizens.”
3. “I have a few concerns, the fact they have rushed the development, the huge financial gain by the pharmaceutical company and its shareholders, the fact our government cannot be trusted with our best interests, corrupt and dishonest as they are, that the side effect of the Pfizer vaccine is death. That we have had our freedom taken from us, and now our ability to choose what we feel is the best for our own bodies.”



- 
4. "No vaccination should EVER be made mandatory. There is no medical intervention that is 100% safe for 100% of the population. Where there is risk, there should always be choice. We have already seen some adverse effects in other countries, where the covid vaccine has been administered. My body, my calculated risk, my choice. Even more so if there is no clinical evidence that the vaccine prevents transmission and viruses happily keep mutating."
  5. "Freedom of choice is part of democracy. Government should never force people to take vaccines if they don't want to."
  6. "Nobody has the right to force vaccinations (or any form of control) on any individual when alternatives are available. It is my right to choose as per the Nuremburg Accorde/Code. Last time I checked; South Africa still applied the code."

#### **Concern; Alternatives (Ivermectin, etc.)**

1. "This vaccination is still experimental. And there are no long-term safety studies. Ivermectin does work. It has been studied, it is safe and effective for SARS Co-V 2 viruses. If the argument that Ivermectin has not been researched enough and is not safe therefore cannot be used is true, then the same is true of this experimental vaccine. Once you have had the vaccination you can never get it out of your body while a treatment like Ivermectin flushes out."
2. "There should be a roll out of the vaccine in conjunction with the option of receiving Ivermectin treatment."
3. "The efficacy of Ivermectin has been proven in many studies as a prophylactic and early treatment of Covid. It is cheaper and safer than any vaccine that was concocted for this purpose. I strongly urge the government to focus on the procurement of Ivermectin and allowing the roll out of Ivermectin as an alternative to the vaccine."
4. "I will not support a vaccine until the government can show comprehensive reasons for not using cheaper FDA approved drugs like Ivermectin or Hydroxychloroquine which have been safely used with MILLIONS of doses worldwide. It seems on the face of it that vaccine companies are going to earn trillions of dollars off an essentially new technology with zero accountability for any failures, when the above two options are extremely cheap and scalable and have enough data to prove it. Why has the government banned Ivermectin now when it has been used for the treatment of parasitic infections?"

#### **Concern; Other**

1. "The Government should not attempt to be sole distributors and should partner with private entities in the distribution of the vaccines."
2. "The Pfizer or Moderna "vaccines" are not vaccines. They are experimental mRNA injections that modify your DNA and they do not protect you or offer immunity. I am not against vaccines, but I will not sign up for an experimental injection that has not been tested. No vaccine to date has been tested with double blind placebo tests, FACT."
3. "Nothing like this should be mandatory especially given how little research has been done. There should be alternatives and it should be made available to the private sector."
4. "As a medical professional I am concerned regarding many of the above points. Vaccinating 1/3 of the population with a vaccine that has not gone through rigorous long-term medical testing is a high-risk endeavour. We do not know enough about potential side effects to inject the bulk of the healthy workforce and know it will be truly in our best interest. It seems that many people have a blind faith in vaccines, while it is based on a science finetuning itself through feedback provided by various different clinical studies. If we have effective drugs like Ivermectin, then it makes sense to use this more until we know more about these vaccines. I need long-term data on the different vaccines and would like to choose the one with the best outcomes for myself and my family. Not just take whatever product that the government signed a massive contract for. Also, who is paying for all these risky vaccinations. If it is a government mandate, then surely those 20 million doses will be paid for primarily by the few in our country who pay taxes. We are not solely dependent on vaccines for survival as a species. Why is there not massive scale awareness drives being funded to teach people how to bolster their immune systems instead of clinging to the hope of a vaccine saving us all."



---

### Concern; Cost to the taxpayer

1. "At the end of the day when all is done, the only way the government can eventually fund this, and additional projects is via additional taxation. (There will be very little foreign investment forthcoming) Even if they reallocate from other budgeted areas e.g. Transport, SOE's etc. the taxpayer will eventually foot the bill. They need to stop all the useless bailouts that have been taking place and re-prioritise their spending. Any way you look at the situation, the government is on a hiding to nothing. They have very little room in which to manoeuvre. I am also concerned about the actual roll-out programme, given governments dismal past track record, which in turn has destroyed the South African economy etc."
2. "Please note that Specialist Surgeons who have taken care of C19 patients during 2020 - have been in the trials for the Oxford vaccine - that is the one which works. All South Africans should be entitled to that vaccine - the Government received sufficient funds from IMF last year - recover the funds which were diverted elsewhere to provide the vaccine at no cost to all South Africans."
3. "The vaccine should be paid from state funds, not more tax. People are unemployed and immigrating there is no more taxes."
4. "I'm not against a vaccine roll out but to increase our taxes to pay for this vaccine is ridiculous, especially after the government got a loan of R5000000000."
5. "We are already struggling to make ends meet as it is, because of the long periods of Covid-19 lockdowns without income. How can us law abiding tax paying citizens be expected to carry the costs for the vaccine roll-outs, after so many billions of overseas funds was donated to South Africa, and embezzled by corrupt politicians?"

### Concern; Covid Passport/ID

1. "Why do we have to carry Covid IDs, remember this country fought so much for pass law, people lose their lives but now it seems as if we are going back to apartheid time. To me this is discrimination."
2. "Although many have died, many more believe that they can care for themselves in terms of prevention, and treatment if there should be a need. I believe everyone should have a right to choose how they care for themselves. The government has misused the funds made available to them and now they are going to make the taxpayer liable."
3. "A "Covid passport" discriminates against people who choose not to be vaccinated with this experimental Covid vaccine. A "Covid passport" implies that those people who get vaccinated are safe to travel with and those that are not vaccinated are dangerous to travel with."

**Of the "No I do not" comments**, the public in this category have raised multiple concerns starting with the potential violation of their human rights in relation to the covid vaccine roll-out. Every South African citizen has a right to freedom of speech, a right to medical confidentiality and a right to religion to name a few. These rights have been mentioned throughout the comments as the public feel that the government's proposed roll-out strategy will be directly infringing on these rights by forcing the public to take the covid vaccine. Further to that, by suggesting a potential movement ban that can impair the current living lifestyle of individuals as a form of "punishment" for not taking the vaccine is an inept approach and will have far greater downfalls than successes. Alternate treatment has been made available; however, the medical research and evidence has not been considered by government. By denying the population an alternate treatment methodology without any formal medical reasoning, decisions appear to have been taken outside of the government's mandate or jurisdiction.

Over and above these fundamental concerns, the age-old history of vaccine development and research projects suggest that any vaccine requires time to establish the adverse effects, counteragent treatment



---

to respond to any unexpected reactions and long-term side effects. The public are highly concerned that this vaccination is being deployed at a rapid rate without having gone through the necessary testing and precautionary clinical trials.

Lastly, the participants have raised multiple requests to understand the costing structure of this vaccine. The Covid emergency fund was distinctly misappropriated and therefore they do not agree to the tax increases to cover the cost of a vaccine. The absenteeism of the procurement process through private stakeholders has also been mentioned. The public have requested clarity as to why government have not formed part of the process previously when vaccines were procured; yet they are currently the sole distributor of the Covid-19 vaccine?

### **Suggestions from the “No I do not” comments, include;**

#### **Concern; Roll-out by Government**

1. “Government has proven indisputably that it cannot effectively administer public funds and resources and cannot effectively care for the livelihoods of our people. It will be disastrous letting something as scare and precious as these vaccines be administered by government - let the private sector do it; let the medical aids do it; it is their specialty.”
2. “The government should allow other stakeholders like medical Aids or companies to bring in the vaccine. These stakeholders will lessen the burden on the already broke government. For example, Gems medical aid insures government employees. these include all frontline workers. The government will then focus on those without medical aid, the elderly and disabled (Sassa data base). The government should regulate though which vaccines should be used.”
3. “We all know that the government cannot roll out anything without an agenda. Once again there is already talks of using BBEEE as criterion for distribution of the vaccine. In a country where the top officials are also the biggest looters without any possibility of being prosecuted, one can only imagine how these vaccines will disappear, be sold for much more than it is worth, and people be blackmailed in order to receive the vaccine. I do not understand why the government should be the only institute that can procure a vaccine. Private enterprise, medical aid schemes and other organisations could procure the vaccine for their members and thus take a financial load off the government.”
4. “Government should not roll out the vaccine. Government should govern the process around it like what it does with other vaccines and allow the private sector to negotiate pricing with the vendors, procure it and roll it out. This should be handled like the yearly flu vaccine.”

#### **Concern; Effectiveness of the Vaccine**

1. “I do not believe that looking at the actual statistics that we have had a pandemic. I also therefore do not believe that we need to vaccinate a population with an experimental medical advice.”
2. “I am concerned about the possibility of side effects. How can they take 20 years to develop a vaccine for measles, and less than a year for this vaccine? I would like to see alternatives, such as Ivermectin etc being investigated with more haste, as side effects etc are already known.”
3. “The vaccine by admission of many professionals in the relevant field, have mentioned that it does not prevent contraction of the virus neither does it prevent the spread of the virus, why are we not looking at the suggestion by professionals for the use of Ivermectin which is on the WHO list of essential medicines, it's affordable. and proven to have positive results. The argument by the likes of SAPHRA, is that there have not been enough tests done on Ivermectin, neither has there been enough tests done on the proposed vaccines, yet here we are having it rolled out. It takes about 3 years to develop a tried and tested vaccine, this according to professionals, yet this vaccine has been developed and “tested “ in 6 months. I am of the opinion that all South Africans should be given the choice to accept or refuse the Vaccine without any concern of victimization or being bullied or prejudiced in any way and form, by means of getting a vaccine ID, which as we may or may not be aware will prevent us from. accessing amenities,



---

travelling, using public spaces, renewing drivers' licenses, buying power etc. That in no uncertain terms is bullying."

4. "With no clinical trials or proof this vaccine is effective against the virus means it's potentially dangerous and a waste of money. Clinical trials are important and I'm not signing an indemnity form in case I have a bad reaction and have no recourse. I say wait for herd immunity."
5. "There is no evidence that the vaccine is safe and effective. If the Government claims to be democratic, we must be given the FREEDOM to choose whether to be vaccinated or not."
6. "This should be a voluntary option to those who want to take untested the vaccine. Death toll is far less than TB, AIDS and even common flue. This cannot be forced on any person/ child."

### **Concern; Mandatory Vaccination**

1. "No vaccination should be mandatory. Every person has the right to choose the healthcare they should receive or not and if you refuse to receive the vaccine it should in no way hamper you to conduct business or travel. The effectiveness of the vaccine also has not even been proven for that matter there are many suitable alternatives that a person can receive to prevent and cure covid."
2. "Mandatory vaccination with a novel, rushed, experimental mRNA altering vaccine goes against my somatic right to choose what happens with my body. Recorded deaths, allergic reactions, and potentially long-term side effects as a result of the vaccine are a serious red flag and I choose to rather take my chances with the virus and well-known repurposed drugs like Ivermectin. The blatant disregard and banning of this inexpensive, easy to manufacture, Nobel-prize winning, WHO-approved, drug smacks of a hidden political and economic profiteering agenda. In the face of an unprecedented and deadly pandemic, double standards are used to determine the safety and efficacy of a medical solution: experimental vaccines are to be trusted while a tried and tested drug such as Ivermectin which has been successfully administered to over 3,7billion people is not?! SAPHRA and the powers that be need to lose their draconian stance and do its homework or face crimes against humanity for banning it as a potential solution to this virulent, mutating virus claiming countless lives."
3. "The problem is that we are being forced to take a vaccine that we don't need, and why a vaccine for COVID 19 when there is none for HIV/AIDS or Cancer even!"
4. "No mandatory vaccine , use alternatives."

### **Concern; Alternatives (Ivermectin, etc.)**

1. "Vaccine must go through tests and shouldn't be rushed due to safety reasons."
2. "I believe everyone needs to have alternatives. If you do not believe in one thing you have an option for something else. Freedom of choice."
3. "ABSOLUTELY AGAINST MY RELIGIOUS BELIEFS"
4. "Government should stop thinking there is only an animal version of the drug Ivermectin. There is a human version of the drug that has been given to 3,7 billion people. It's one of the safest drugs out there. It also is very cheap to make and estimates are that the whole country can be provided with tablets for only R50million. So why spend billions on untrusted, untested, mRNA vaccines that put the lives of all South African citizens at risk? Why play with your people's DNA? Please stop your crazy vaccine program and use Ivermectin."
5. "Covid vaccine is an absolute, blatant transgression of our human rights. To date there is NO proof that vaccines are of any good to humans!!!!"
6. "The vaccine is only a very costly probability; it is neither a complete solution but yet very costly. There is an already cheap tested alternative, Ivermectin. It's cheap and yet not a probability."
7. "Why should a vaccine be rolled out if there are other drugs like ivermectin that are very effective in treating covid positive patients and it is less expensive than the vaccine that South Africa can't afford."



---

### Concern; Other

1. "I am a retired pharmacist. In ALL my professional career, I have NEVER heard of a vaccine that was researched, developed, and made available for use by the public with the speed with which the covid-19 vaccine has been. The other concern is why is vaccination mandatory. Flu vaccines are readily, voluntarily available to those who want them without it being mandatory for anyone to use it. Who benefits from the sale of these vaccines? Is this a case similar to the Tollgate scam citizens were forced by our own government to accede to under threat of imprisonment should one not pay up? I DO NOT WANT ANY COVID-19 VACCINE IN MY BODY - Will the government respect that?"
2. "Vaccines are inherently unsafe and regardless of what is spewed they are not safe as there is no clinical trial which proves that vaccines are safe. They cause inflammation in the body and the long-term effects are continuously being seen. We should be concentrating on our health on long term basis and not pharmaceuticals which only have profit as a motive. Everyone has a right to medical freedom, and I do not want any vaccine forced on me."
3. "There has too much rush and we are very sceptical of what is going on."
4. "I am against the roll out of experimental vaccines, and well as the administering thereof to the medical staff and various other groups first. Amerciasfrontlinedoctors.com have a lot of valid information on this subject. I am also against government getting involved in the Doctor - Patient relationship."
5. "The vaccine does not seem to have followed proper testing procedures and people are rushed and forced into this. We are to be allowed free choice."

### Concern; Cost to the taxpayer

1. "Why must we put more strain on the economy to purchase vaccines if Ivermectin can be used."
2. "It should be given out for free like all the other countries worldwide, an absolute must NOT be charged for at all."
3. "I have more than one concern around this to say the least. Government should not have looted 500 Billion odd and the additional funds that was secured. With this happening and government and all staff and mostly probably direct family and friends became filthy rich in a very short space of time. These funds could have been used properly which would have covered costs. Zero accountability from government on the corruption and yet again blames the citizens overall and wanting to make the citizens pay through increased taxes."
4. "No, tax should not be involved, because the money given has been used rashly."
5. "This vaccine program is going to make a struggling population even poorer, by taxing them more, this after the government has killed the economy..."
6. "Not only is this a concern to all our taxpayers, but it is also a concern about a lot of innocent people going to die due to this vaccine and still the government will ask for a fee."

### Concern; Covid Passport/ID

1. "My biggest concern is this new 'covid-passport' idea - it is completely unconstitutional to stop anyone from travelling, shopping etc if they do not have this vaccine. That is unacceptable and illegal. It's time people realise that the government is not there to protect us, they are tyrants who are enforcing totalitarian laws upon us in the most draconian way."
2. "No persons right to freedom of travel should be taken away by forceful use of medication. What if that medication kills you or harms you? Many of us have family members abroad that if the ID is allowed, we will never be able to see again. Or if we need to travel for work and choose not to get it, we will lose jobs because we can't travel. No one should be forced to take any form of medicine they don't want to, and certainly not manipulated into it with an ultimatum."
3. "I most certainly do NOT give consent to Covid Passports/ ID's, I do NOT give consent to this vaccine ,

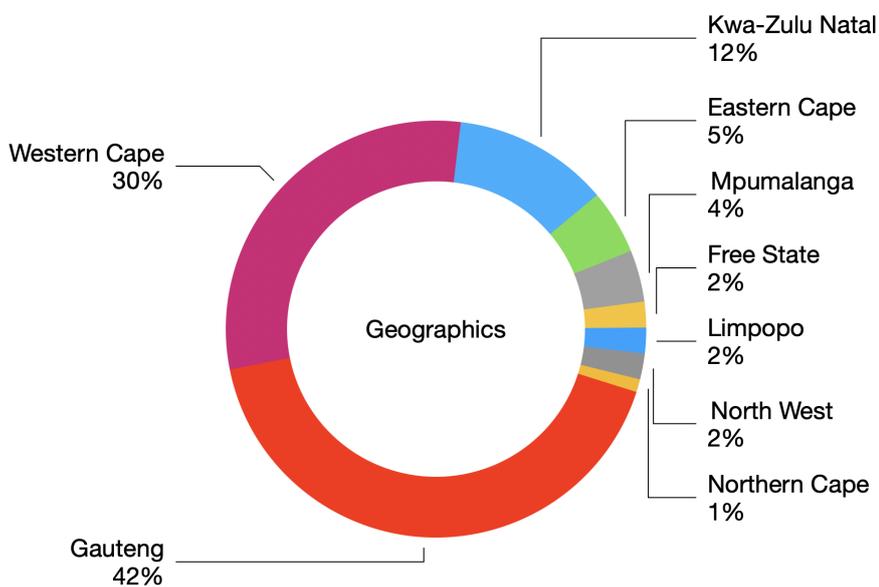


and I do Not give consent to Mandatory Vaccines - This is my Body - I alone decide what is put into my body. This is the Universal Law of Free Will. And - Why would we have to carry a PASSPORT showing our medical status? This is illegal and it is a violation of our Human Rights, our Rights to Privacy, Our Rights to Confidential Medical Treatment, and our Rights to our Private Medical History! This vaccine has NOT been tested properly – Vaccine Trials have to run for a period of 10 years before they are allowed to be registered and distributed.”

4. “Governments should be handing out simple prophylactic remedies as in India. Not getting into bed with world bodies & big pharma. Health is my decision, no-one else’s. I will decide on what’s best for my body. South Africans are not asleep. Only about 30% plan to take this “vaccine” reported by international pollsters.”
5. “Vaccination should be voluntary. COVID passport/ID is a gross violation of our constitutional right. A violation of human dignity and freedom of movement.”

## Demographics

Comments originated from all provinces with the greatest input arising from Gauteng, followed by Western Cape and KZN. Demographics can be further broken down into comment options (yes, no, not fully) and by top concern per region upon request, or view the Excel spreadsheet attached.



Thank you

Rob Hutchinson - Dear South Africa  
rob.hutchinson@dearsouthafrica.co.za  
084 557 4828