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SACE WELCOME THE VACCINATION OF EDUCATORS

The South African Council for Educators (SACE) welcomes the programme of vaccinating over 580 000 educators and support staff across the country, following an announcement by the Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga.

Accordingly, the rollout of the Johnson & Johnson (J &J) single dose COVID-19 vaccine in the Basic Education sector, will commence from Wednesday the 23rd June 2021 with the support of SACE.

The Council maintains that educators' lives and wellbeing matter, particularly during these uncertain and anxious times of unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Equally, the healthy teaching profession is pivotal for safe and effective teaching and learning in schools. We, therefore, applaud the government for prioritising the vaccination of educators as the nation's valuable assets.

Notwithstanding that vaccination against COVID-19 virus is voluntary, SACE encourages all the educators to seize the moment and vaccinate. This is important for their health and non-threatening teaching conditions. All educators and non-teaching staff are reminded to take their Identity documents and medical aid information to their allocated vaccination sites, from Wednesday 23rd June 2021 onwards.

SACE pledges its support to the Minister of Basic Education and all the MECS as they commence the Basic Educator sector vaccination drive from the 23rd June onwards.

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