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APRIL 2021-MARCH 2022

VACCINATION SITE LAUNCH BY MEC

On the 29th of August 2021 East Boom CHC COVID-19 vaccination site hosted Ms. Nomagugu Simelane's (KwaZulu Natal Department of Health MEC) talkshow. She spoke on identified myths and misconceptions as the reasons why many people are not willing to take Covid Vaccines. She pleaded with the community to come and vaccinate. The benefits for Covid 19 vaccination is to protect you from severe illness and death. Vaccines still remains as highly safe and effective at preventing disease.



The honorable Miss Nomagugu Simelane (Kwa-Zulu Natal MEC for Department of Health) and Dr.M.T Zulu (District Director) at AF WOOD HALL, East Boom CHC

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PHARMACEUTICAL ROLE IN VACCINATION ROLE-OUT

BACKGROUND

With the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic globally, South Africa has not been spared. RSA has seen millions of positive cases with tens of thousands dead from the pandemic. In addition to the loss of life, the economical decimation and resultant job losses has simply added insult to injury. COVID-19 vaccination is set to be an important tool to help slow the pandemic and save lives and livelihoods



Mr. Sthe Mbatha Pharmacist Intern ,
drawing vaccine to the syringe.

PHARMACY ROLE & READINESS

Vaccination is an effective way of protecting people against severe COVID-19 illness, reducing hospitalisation and improving recovery. Pharmaceutical Services are best placed to undertake the procurement, cold chain storage and distribution of the vaccine to various sites. Working hand in hand with the Supply Chain Management and Systems components, with support from the District and Head Office, equipment was procured, security improved and data collection tools developed to support aspects of the rollout.

VACCINE PROCUREMENT & DISTRIBUTION

At present the larger facilities are responsible for procurement. Distribution to the smaller facilities is facilitated by District Pharmaceutical Services team, Security Services, Road Traffic Inspectorate and the South African Police Services. As a secondary measure the facility pharmacy team along with in-house security would assist to fast track or fill in any gaps. The same principle applies to the distribution to vaccination sites in the community. Some challenges experienced with availability, attributed to logistics, particularly during the week of civil unrest in July. The vaccination rollout is currently expanding to PHC to the PHC Clinics

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COMMENCEMENT & USAGE DATA

Since 18th May 2021, vaccination sites that have been opened included the following:

Old Age Homes	Woodlands Hall	Local Malls
Care Centres	Copesville Hall	UKZN incl TVET etc
AF Wood Hall	Sobantu Hall	Harry Gwala Stadium
Truro Hall	Local Schools	Sub-District PHC Clinics
Eastwood Hall	Local Taxi Ranks	

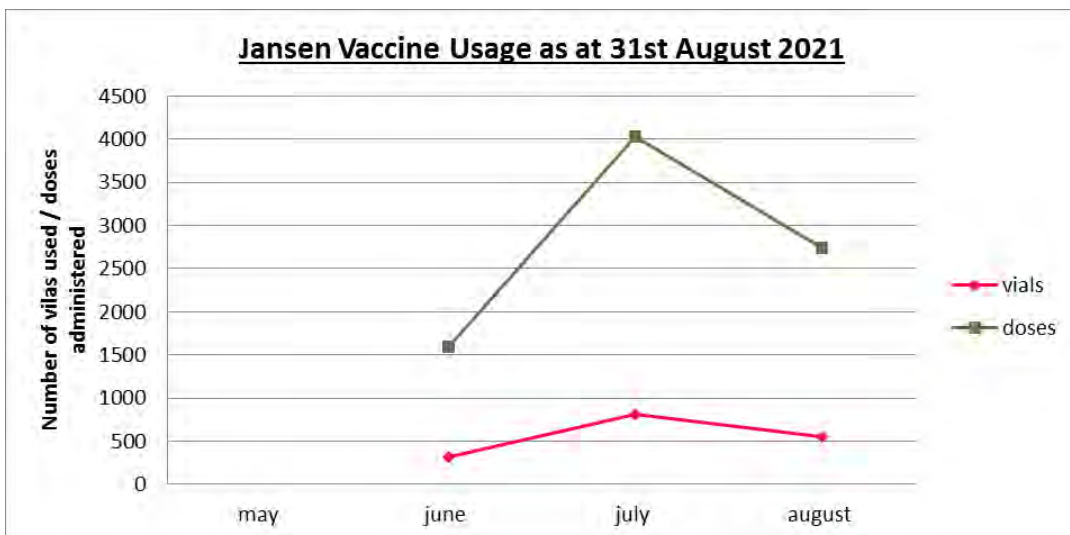
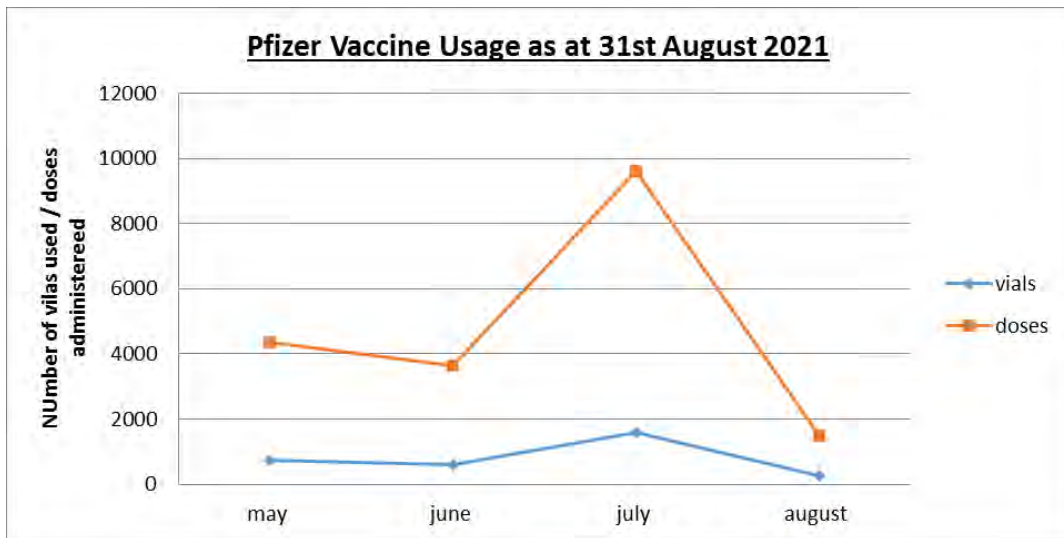


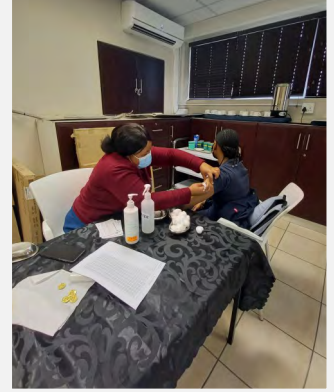
PHOTO GALLERY FOR VACCINATION



Above: Sr L.O Ngcobo (EN) , giving Covid 19 vaccination to our ward councillor Mr. Adkins



Nurse Zama Molefe gives Carol Steinhoff, the deputy principal of Forrest Hill Primary School, her Covid-19 vaccination at the East Street Clinic on Wednesday.



Above : Community taking a Covid 19 Vaccination.



Above: East Boom CHC visited Ramsay firm, and talk was done by Sr. N. Fundzo (Occupational Nurse).



Above : East Boom CHC Matron with the honourable Mayor vaccinating clients at the Market taxi rank.



COVID-19 Vaccination

Table 1: COVID-19 vaccination data from April 2021—March 2022

MONTH	APRIL 21 – MARCH 22 NUMBER TEST- ED	TOTAL TESTS	POSTIVES	NEGATIVES
APRIL	621	621	9	600
MAY	566	566	36	519
JUNE	807	807	144	641
JULY	1168	1168	479	657
AUGUST	2534	2534	905	1555
SEPTEMBER	902	902	215	646
OCTOBER	183	183	10	169
NOVEMBER	762	762	8	754
DECEMBER	2191	2191	822	1369
JANUARY	1180	1180	487	693
FEBRUARY	683	683	121	562
MARCH	875	875	56	819
TOTAL		12472	3292	9180

Table 1 above reflects the total number of COVID-19 tests conducted along with the results. The highest number of tests conducted were in the respective COVID-19 waves with August 2021 and December 2021 recording the highest number of COVID-19 tests conducted. The annual positivity rate for

Msunduzi Central based on state tests conducted with the respective facilities was: $3292/12472 = 26.39\%$. Ward 28 in the Northern Suburbs remained the epicenter through all four COVID-19 waves. This resulted in most tests being conducted with the community as well as various engagements with local leadership and municipality environmental health practitioners.



COVID-19 Vaccination

Table 2: Total number of citizens vaccinated by the Msunduzi Central for the 2021/ 2022 Financial year

MONTH	TOTAL VACCINATED
May 2021 (24 th -28 th)	4265
June 2021	4154
July 2021	12992
August 2021	9580
September 2021	10806
October 2021	15013
November 2021	10791
December 2021	5475
January 2022	7357
February 2022	7449
March 2022	9329
TOTAL VACCINATED	97211

Table 2 reflects the total number of vaccinations conducted within the Msunduzi Central sub-district which includes various outreach activities. The most number of tests were conducted during the months of July 2021, /September 2021, October 2021 and November 2021

Total number of adverse events:

nil reported thus far



STAFF APPOINTMENTS

- Solomons D (Physiotherapy) - 1 Year contract
- Bhabha Y (Occupational Therapy) - 1 Year contract
- Hlabisa N.M (Medical Officer Comm Serve) - 1 Year contract
- Juta P.M (Medical Officer Comm Serve) - 1 Year contract
- S. Gopichand (Deputy Nurse Manager) - Promotion
- Zungu B.K (Data capture) - New appointment
- Govender L. (Medical Officer Comm Serve) - 1 Year contact
- Gubazi N.U (Medical Officer Comm Serve) - 1 Year contract
- Buthelezi S.C (Staff Nurse) - New appointment
- Vilakazi M.B (Human Resource Manager) - Promotion
- Phungula J.W (Chief Nurse Practitioner) - Transfer in
- Xaba N.B (Enrolled Nurse) - New Appointment
- Lubehe A.T (Enrolled Nurse) -Transfer in
- Mkhize T.P (Operational Manager) - Promotion
- Ngcobo S.V (Operational Manager) - New appointment
- Mkhena B.R (Operational Manager) - New appointment

STAFF EXITS

- Dlamini S.P (Chief Nurse) - Resignation
- Bennie L. (Operational Manager)- Retirement
- Ndlela K.B (Chief Nurse Practitioner)- Retirement
- Mduli L (Professional Nurse) -Resignation
- Madlala N.M (Enrolled Nurse) - Resignation
- Masikane D.S (Chief Nurse Practitioner) - Ill Health Retirement
- Khumalo T. (Enrolled Nurse) - Transfer Out
- Mthimkulu M.A (General Orderly) -
- Moodley S. (Chief Nurse Practitioner)

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NURSES DAY

Theme: A Voice for Future healthcare

On the 12 May 2021 was National Nurses day , this day was named after Florence Nightingale's birthday who was known for making hospitals a cleaner and safer place to be . This celebration plays a huge role since recognition on their hard work is encouraged and supported. Our guest speaker Mrs. B. Mhlongo (tutor at Harry Gwala Hospital) reminded nurses to continue to maintain the health wellness and manage the psychosocial and socio economic factors when dealing with vulnerable community, and always seek Gods guidance .



Above left: Dr S. Chetty giving cupcakes to Sr B Manqele (PN) and Sr N.C Ntuli (Professional Nurse)



Above : With eth mic was our guest Mrs B. Mhlongo (Tutor at Harry Gwala Hospital) , Siting from left : Mrs S Gopichand (Nurse Manager), Ms M. Molefe (PHC Operational Manager), Mrs R. Padayachee (Hast Operational Manager), and Dr S. Chetty (CEO).



Paediatrics staff dressed in their sparkling white uniform for the Nurses day of prayer.



Nurses day banner.



NURSES DAY

Theme: A Voice for



Mrs K. Naicker (Acting Quality Manager), DR S. Chetty (Chief Executive Manager), Mrs N.C Mhkabela (PHC Coordinator), Mrs S Ngcobo (PHC Supervisor), Mrs K Ragbir (Trainer), Mrs B.R Hadebe (Acting M&E), Ms N Fundzo (Occupational Manager), Mrs M. Gopichand (Deputy Nurse Manager), Dr. SSS Buthelezi (Clinical Manager).



East Boom CHC Nursing staff .



Grand march done by Nurses on their celebration.



All departments received cakes for Nurses day . Above: PHC team , Sr M . Molefe (Operational Manager) holding the cake.



Above from left: Dr SSS Buthelezi (Clinical Manager), Ms M.P. Ntontela (Ma-ternity Operational Manager), and Dr S. Chetty (Chief Executive Manager).



VOOMA VACCINATION WEEKEND

On the 1st—3rd of October 2021, Kwazulu Natal MEC Nomagugu Simelani initiated the weekend to call the nation to get Covid 19 vaccination to substantially increase the uptake . Also reinforced is the importance for every individual to take personal responsibilities through wearing of masks, regular hand washing, sanitizing and mainly social distances. Sites were opened to reach out to vulnerable disadvantaged clients. Our management gave initiation that there will be competition to all sites with most vaccination statistics would win an appreciation lunch and gifts which was hosted on the 14th October 2021.



Segro Center team receiving an appreciation token for receiving hire numbers for Covid 19 Vooma Vooma weekend



Lunch after hard work of the Covid 19 Vooma Vooma



Cambridge food supermarket
Covid 19 Vaccination team on site.



Above: Selgro Centre site for rollout of Covid 19 Vaccination.



OPEN DAY

On the 5th November 2021, we had East Boom CHC open day, the turn up was great. This event is celebrated on a yearly basis and serves as the relationship building between staff and the clients. This interaction allows clients to feel free to ask questions for clarity, lodge complaints, give suggestions, give compliments and lastly learn about the new programmes introduced on an International level/ National level . Highlights of the day

- **Security:** Emphasized that patients are not to carry dangerous weapons inside the facility, intoxicated clients are not allowed, rules that maintain safety of the infrastructure, staffs and all clients inside the facility should be obeyed. Also encouraged patients to obey the Covid 19 regulations when entering the clinic.
- **OPD:** Clients were educated about different cards used, and what documents should be carried when visiting the clinic.
- **PRO:** Clients were informed where and how to lodge the complaints and meet the responsible person for handling complaints.
- **M & E:** Informed the clients why data is importance and what systems are used to keep the data.
- **Systems:** Emphasized the how waste is managed in the facility, maintenance of the all facilities, cleaning of grounds, how waste is managed . The installation of CCTV is in process, this will help to improve the safety of the facility and all vehicles parked inside. We have vehicles that transport staff, stock and equipment.
- **Dental:** Highlighted why it is important to care about your teeth. Clients should visit the dentist twice a year. In this facility we do scale and polish, filling and extractions. A demonstration on how to brush teeth was done.
- **Medical:** The Doctors showed the community life saving techniques of resuscitation. They showed how to support a patient having seizures, not breathing or has collapsed and a patient with burns.
- **Pharmacy :** Highlighted, why antibiotics shouldn't be abused, and why it is important to qualify for **CCMDD** so that **accessing your medication would be easy.**
- **Nursing :** Covered about the new and ongoing operations of the 4 departments Hast Unit, Primary Health Care, Pediatrics and Maternity unit.
- **SCM:** Clients were informed as how to go about if there interest is to do business with the Department and which bodies to register with. They were also educated about procurement processes .



OPEN DAY PHOTO GALLERY



Medical was given an opportunity to explain their task as health worker.



Mr T. Nene (Pharmacist Intern), highlighted about the abuse of using antibiotics.



Eats of the day for clients.



Above : Mr S. Mbambo (Administration clerk) sharing important information with the clients.



Above from left : Mr S. Buthelezi (Programme director of the day), Dr SSS Buthelezi (Clinical Manager) welcoming everyone , Mr E Wynia (Systems Manager), Mr T. Nene (Pharmacist Intern), Mr B. Vilakazi (Human Resource Manager) and Mrs S. Gopichand (Deputy Nurse Manager).



QUALITY DAY - 03/12/2021

It a National initiative to recognize the staff for exceptional quality service. The event was very successful, deco and food was on top of the range. Number of District office members were present, all facilities that were linked to the mother clinic East Boom CHC were also present. 43 staff members were awarded for great leadership in Covid 19, Ms X Dlala and Mrs P Jali received award for outstanding leadership, Mr T Manyoni was the most innovative and dedicated employee . For best performing facilities for Covid 19 was 1st Northdale Clinic, 2nd East Wood Clinic, 3rd Masons. Then best performing facilities were 1st Northdale, 2nd East Wood, and lastly 3rd Scottsville Clinic. Midlands Mobile 2 received for most improved facility. All departments like Human Resource, Supply Chain, Assets and logistics, Pharmaceutical services, medical and allied , dental, occupational health department, systems, nursing and Covid 19 tracing team . The best vaccination sites award was received by 1st AF Wood, 2nd Truro Hall, and 3rd Home affairs. 10 years and 20 years awards was given to a number of staff. Awards for getting outstanding performance in the most number of people vaccination were Sr T. Mkhize , Sr N. Fundzo , Sr B. Mtshali, Mr S. Buthulezi, Sr B.R. Hadebe and Sr S. Ngcobo. Pioneer site managers Mr Dlamini (conducted vaccination in taxi rank), Sr Mtshali (conducted vaccination in a Mall), Sr T. Mkhize (conducted vaccination in a restaurant) , Mrs. N. Mkhabela and Mrs. K Naicker (conducted vaccination in a drive through), Mrs. M. Gopichand and Ms. A Seevaparsaid (conducted vaccination in industries and high education).



Above from left: Mrs M. Gopichand (Deputy Nurse Manager) received an award for Nursing department from Dr. S. Chetty (Chief Executive Officer)



Above: Ms L. Majoji (Pharmacy Manager) received an awards for Pharmacy Department from Dr. S. Chetty (Chief Executive Officer)

QUALITY DAY



Above from Left : Mrs. S. Dlamini, Ms N. Mbedu (Intern) , Mr J. Khumalo (Finance Manager) received award for Supply Chain Management for excellent work in fight against Covid 19 . Behind is Dr S. Chetty (Chief Executive Manager).



Above: PHC awarded on Quality day for outstanding performance in the fight against Covid 19.



Above: Systems department received awarding for excellent work in fight against Covid 19, led by Mr E Wynia (Systems Manager).



Above: Covid 19 testing team received outstanding performance in the fight against Covid 19, was received on behalf of the team by Sr Gopichand (Matron) and Mr K Mkhabela (PHC Coordinator), handed over by Dr. S. Chetty (CEO).



Above : Truro Vaccination team received 2nd place , headed by Mrs B.R Hadebe (site Manager for Truro).



Above: Outstanding decor.



AIDS DAY - 01/12/2021



Above : Audience watching and listening.



Theme: Working Together To End Inequalities



Above: Hast Unit staff singing .



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HIV and AIDs has been a pandemic for almost over 40 years , every year on the 1st December is National Worlds World Aids day. Our Hast unit then decided to have an internal celebration which was held in our PHC unit. Clients were urged to come to test for HIV, so if they test HIV positive the can be initiated and given treatment immediately. Anti retroviral treatment is easily accessible. No one should demise from HIV treatment is easily freely available.

Highlighted topics :

TLD: Is an improved drug compared to FDC. They have less side effects and can be taken once on a daily basis.

THINK: Was introduced to the clients, this is an NGO that supports Department of Health and improve quality care and treatment outcomes for people with HIV and Aids. They have posts like linkage officers, data capture and nurses.

Prep (Pre-exposure Prophylaxis): This tablet is now available in the facility, is taken to prevent HIV and is very effective if taken as prescribed. Clients were encouraged to be on this programme if they are HIV negative to fight the HIV and AIDS pandemic.

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