

## **Executive Mayor calls for more vigilance as Covid-19 third wave hits**









xecutive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi has urged members of the public to remain vigilant in the midst of Covid-19 third wave. He said this as he led the District Command Council on Friday morning during a campaign to sanitize long-distance minibus taxis operating from the Tzaneen mall taxi rank to various destinations outside the district.

The Executive Mayor also distributed masks and sanitizers to taxi operators. He was joined by the leadership of SANTACO. "We are here today as the District Command Council to support one of our key stakeholders, the taxi industry as we continue the fight against the covid-19 pandemic. We know that our support to the industry is also directed to all our people who are reliant on this sector for transportation.

"We have agreed at the level of the District Command Council to support this sector because the lives of our poor people who are using taxis every day is in your hands as taxi operators. This partnership is very important. You must know that every mile that you drive, you are not alone. We are here as government to support you," he said.

He has also appealed to taxi operators above the age of 50 years to register for vaccination. "We are in the third wave of this covid-19 pandemic. The delta variant is now in our district. The numbers are increasing rapidly and we are worried as the command council. Tzaneen remains the hotspot in the district followed by Phalaborwa. We are losing lives every day. Therefore, it is important that we continue to work together to save lives, but most importantly is that our people must get vaccinated so that we are able to reach the herd immunity.

"This journey is not easy, and we should never undermine the importance of doing the simple things such as washing our hands or sanitizing, wearing our masks and social distancing. As you drive our people around, please do it with the sense that everyone of us is our brother and sister's keeper."

The Executive Mayor said that government is working hard to make beds available for those who may need to be hospitalised due to covid-19 infections. He said that there were additional beds at the Phalaborwa hospital which was recently handed back to government by the Clinix Health Group, and now operates as a wing of Maphutha Malatji hospital.



## **COVID-19 VACCINE**

## Registration for people 35 to 49 Years Old





From Thursday, 15 July 2021, people aged between 35 and 49 years old can register for the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccination of this age bracket is expected to commence on 1 August 2021.

## Registration can be done on the following platforms:

- Visit
  https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/
  and click on the link to register
- 2. Dial \*134\*832# from any SA network for free
- 3. Whatsapp the word REGISTER to 0600 123456



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