

UPDATE COVID-19 VACCINE ROLL OUT

Platinum Health ready to vaccinate once vaccines are made available by government



Platinum Health (PH) understands that there may be considerable anxiety amongst Platinum Health members about the COVID-19 vaccination programme. PH wants to assure members that we are ready to vaccinate members once the vaccine is made available to us, as per the Department of Health (DoH) phased programme.

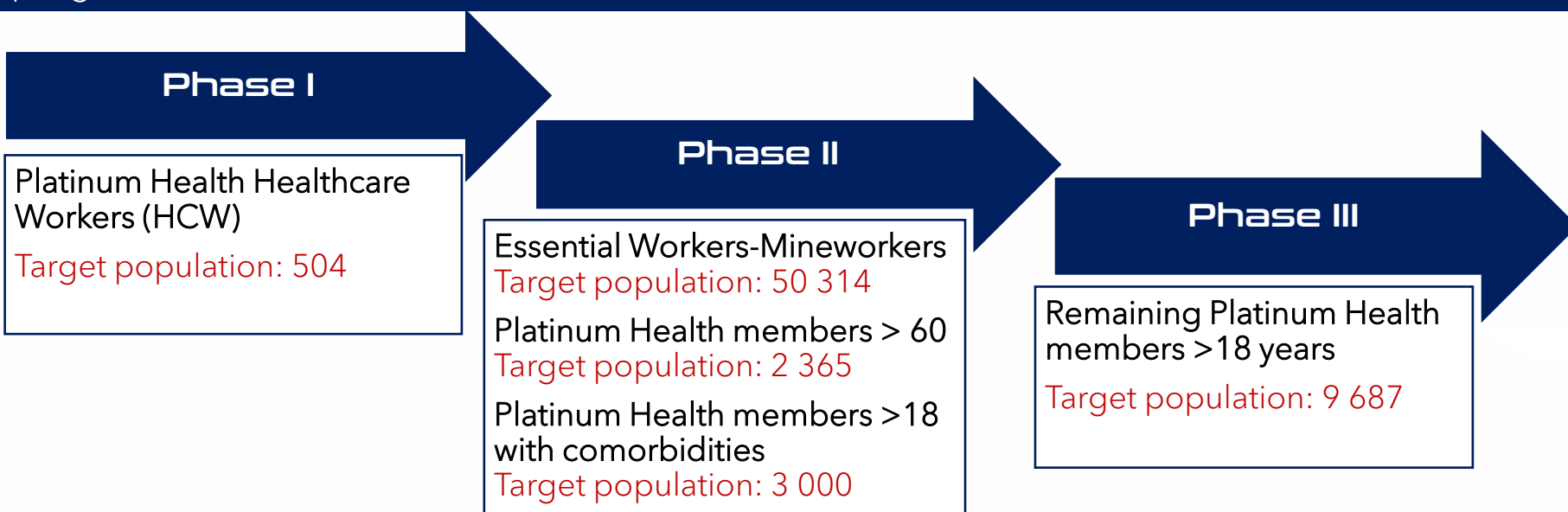
The South African government has resolved to be the sole purchaser of COVID-19 vaccines and Platinum Health is actively engaging with government to procure vaccines for Platinum Health members.

When will the vaccine be available to members?

This is dependent on the availability of vaccines, which is determined by the government.

What happens when Platinum Health receives the vaccines?

It will be given out in 3 phases in line with the Department of Health (DoH) phased programme.



Where can I go for my vaccine?

Platinum Health has registered its medical facilities as vaccination centres to provide easy access to members. Visit the Platinum Health website (www.platinumhealth.co.za) to find the facility closest to you.

Can my child get the vaccine?

At present, COVID-19 vaccination is not recommended for children under the age of 18. Clinical trials are currently underway involving children as young as 12 years. Younger age groups will be included in clinical trials at a later stage, with results expected by 2022.

Will Platinum Health administer the vaccines?

Yes, Platinum Health nursing staff and doctors will receive training on how to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.

Why should I go for my vaccine?

If enough South Africans get the COVID-19 vaccine, the country can achieve herd immunity, which is the indirect protection from infectious disease that becomes possible when a sufficient percentage of a population has become immune to an infection, whether through vaccination or previous infections, thereby reducing the likelihood of infection for individuals who lack immunity. The quicker we achieve herd immunity; the fewer lives may be lost as a result of the pandemic.

Look out for SMSs from Platinum Health
We'll share updates on the vaccination roll out.



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