

# Updated Covid vaccine rules for South Africa



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The National Department of Health (DOH) has published a new circular detailing adjusted Covid-19 vaccine dosing intervals, and the introduction of 'mix-and-match' dosing for adults.

According to the Director-General for Health, Dr Sandile Buthelezi, the following changes will take place:

## **Pfizer vaccine:**

- From **23 February**, people that received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine can get their **second dose after 21 days** (previously, this was 42 days).
- People that received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine can get their third **booster dose after 90 days** (previously this was 180 days).

## **Johnson & Johnson vaccine:**

- From **21 February 2022**, people that received their first dose of the J&J vaccine can get their **second booster dose after 60 days**.

## **Mixing vaccines**

- From **23 February 2022**, South Africans will be allowed to mix and match the Pfizer and J&J vaccines, depending on availability.

While the department has opened up this option to **adults over 18**, it still recommends that the same vaccine types be used, where available.

- People who have received one dose of the J&J vaccine can get a dose of the Pfizer vaccine after 60 days.
- People who have received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine can get a dose of the J&J vaccine after 90 days.

Platinum Health members who want to get vaccinated but are unsure where to go, can contact Case Management on **014 590 1700** or **080 000 6942** for guidance.

