

# VAX FAX

## FAST FAX ABOUT THE VAX!

South Africa's **COVID-19 vaccine programme** has two goals:

- + helping your body to **fight** the virus
- + helping to **prevent** you getting sick.

<https://www.heraldlive.co.za/news/2021-02-09-sa-to-start-covid-19-vaccinations-with-jj-doses/>

## Our vaccine journey

- + **ONE MILLION** doses of Oxford University-AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine delivered from Serum Institute of India (SII) in February
- + **AZ** vaccine roll-out plans put on ice while further research done by Department of Health
- + **NINE MILLION** doses of **J&J VACCINE** doses procured and will arrive in stages
- + **J&J** vaccine due to be given first (healthcare workers)
- + **20 MILLION** doses of Pfizer vaccine committed for delivery at end of first quarter
- + **12 MILLION** additional vaccine doses expected from COVAX Facility
- + **67%** of population expected to be immunised by end of 2021
- + **About 6300 vaccinators** to be employed – each vaccinated 50 people per day.

GOVERNMENT IS PARTNERING WITH BIOVAC – A BIO-PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY – TO ESTABLISH LOCAL VACCINE MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY.

BIOVAC WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN QUALITY ASSURANCE, WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINES.

## The roll-out

The plan is to vaccinate at least **40 million South Africans** by the end of 2021. The more of us who are **protected**, the faster COVID-19 will go away!

**Here's how it will work:**

- + Government will source, buy, distribute and oversee the vaccine roll-out
- + The vaccine will be distributed to provincial governments and the private sector
- + Around 1.2-million frontline health workers will receive the vaccine first.