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Attention: MEC for Health

Hon Nomakosazana Meth

Dear Hon Meth

Re: Lack of communication re vaccination rollout and challenges

It is most concerning that more than half a million 60 year olds and older in our province have registered for the Covid-19 vaccine, but only about 120 000 have actually received the vaccine.

Most of the elderly say that they registered on the EVDS system in April and early in May, and while they did receive an SMS telling them that they are successfully registered, they have not received a follow up SMS confirming the date, time and venue for their vaccination.

This failure to communicate with older people, who are already highly stressed as the third wave of the pandemic tightens its grip on our country, is not acceptable and has created a great deal of stress and anxiety for them.

I humbly urge you to disseminate information regarding the vaccine, the challenges faced by the province, the number of doses allocated to the province daily/weekly, as well as the reassurance that once registered, patients will indeed receive their vaccine, even if they need to wait a while longer. This information should be distributed via all media platforms, as well as all local municipalities, for dissemination to all communities.

I sincerely hope that all communication in this regard is prioritised.

Yours in health services for all,

Hon Jane Cowley