

COVID-19 Vaccination Consent Form

TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN (PARENT/GUARDIAN)

Dear parent/guardian

Re: COVID 19 VACCINATION FOR LEARNERS 12 to 17 YEARS

The Government of Eswatini is continuing with the exercise of procuring, mobilizing and vaccinating all Emaswati according to age category in pursuit of the goal to have all citizens protected from COVID-19.

The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health will be conducting schools' campaign to vaccinate learners and children 12 to 17 years in all the schools (private and public) and in the twelve (12) Ministry of Health vaccine depots. The learners have not been spared from the COVID-19 infections much as they are not severely affected by the disease yet. Cluster infections have been shown by the data from schools and it has been observed that adherence to compliance to COVID 19 protocols by the learners is inadequate. The learners/children will be getting the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine which is a two dose regimen with doses 21 to 28 days apart.

Benefits of vaccination:

- Reduce the chances of learners/children of suffering severe disease, hospitalization and death due to COVID 19.
- To return schools to normalcy when everyone in the school have been vaccinated ie, learners will attend school every day (no shift system), face to face teaching and learning returns and physical activities.
- Vaccinated learners/children will cut the transmission to general population including their families as they spread the disease without them being sick.
- Some in this age group comprises learners who are about to complete their high school education who would be pursuing tertiary education in and outside the country, the vaccination will be beneficial since in the near future vaccination will be a prerequisite for all international and regional travel and for entry into some tertiary institutions.

The Ministry of Health will be visiting schools in the country to vaccinate all eligible learners in Primary and Secondary/High schools (public and private) and vaccination will also be provided in the twelve (12) Ministry's vaccine depots. The exercise will start on the 3rd of November 2021, COVID-19 vaccination is not compulsory in country but it is in the best interest of learners/children to vaccinate. The learners/children are kindly requested to bring their ID cards or ID numbers from their Birth Certificates during the vaccination and also to pre-register those who are able on the following website www.eswatinihealth.org. Registration will also be done on site (at School and vaccine depots).

NB: learners who are 18 years and above who missed the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will also be vaccinated.

Your consideration in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Permission is sought from you that your child be vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and if you are agreeing please sign below.

Name of learner/child:

Date of Birth & Age of Learner/child:

Form/Grade (where applicable)

Name of parent :.....

Signature:.....

Contact:.....

Date:.....