

MEDIA RELEASE **COVID-19: PSA concerned about slow pace of vaccine roll-out**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), which represents more than 235 000 public-sector employees, has noted with concern the slow pace of COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in South Africa, which is causing citizens to cross the border to get vaccinated in Zimbabwe.

This is a slap in the face for Government's roll-out programme whilst other countries are already in an advanced stage with roll-out processes. The PSA is concerned that sufficient herd immunisation is not being achieved with a looming third wave of infections as the infection rate is increasing daily.

The PSA calls on Government to put measures in place to ensure a faster pace of the vaccine roll-out as the struggling economy cannot absorb the impact of another lockdown. The PSA calls on government to ensure all Health Workers get vaccinated as soon as possible and make every effort to ensure that the rest of the citizens receive their vaccinations as speedily as possible.

The PSA is fully aware that despite public servants not receiving their salary increases for two years continue to perform their duties with dedication and loyalty. The PSA will make every effort to continue engaging Government to ensure that public servants receive a decent salary increases.

Unfortunately, Government has continued to behave stubbornly which left the PSA with no option but to declare a dispute this week.

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