

**MEDIA RELEASE**                      **COVID-19: PSA welcomes vaccine rollout and calls for Government anti-corruption assurance**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is pleased to have learnt that COVID-19 vaccines have arrived in South Africa and that Government is to commence with vaccinations roll-out.

The PSA, representing some 240 000 public-sector employees, welcomes roll-out and calls upon Government to ensure that all measures are in place to avoid any corrupt activities during the process. Corruption in Government, as was also seen with the procurement of COVID-19 personal protective equipment, has devastated the country's economy, and negatively impacted on service delivery to communities. The magnitude of corruption in Government has eroded all confidence in the current administration's ability to prevent this scourge. Corruption has further resulted in public servants, including those deployed at the frontline against the COVID-19 pandemic, to be denied negotiated and well-deserved salary increases.

The PSA calls on Government to restore public confidence by ensuring that the vaccine roll-out process is beyond reproach. There is a critical need to stop the spread of the virus and that frontline workers, including educators, are immunised, in an effort to bring about a return to work and much-needed economic recovery.

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