



MEDIA RELEASE **COVID-19 vaccination: PSA welcomes roll out to Correctional officials and offenders**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing more than 13 000 employees of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), welcomes the roll out of COVID-19 vaccinations for DCS officials and offenders.

The DCS commenced on 14 July 2021 to vaccinate all its officials, which is an important step to safeguard officials from being infected with COVID-19 and reduce fatalities. To date, 206 DCS officials have lost their lives to COVID-19. DCS officials can go to any official vaccination site and present their ID number and proof of employment with DCS to get vaccinated.

On 20 July 2021, the DCS launched its roll-out plan for 90 vaccination sites where offenders will be vaccinated. The PSA welcomes this initiative as it will assist in addressing workplace safety for DCS officials whose safety is also affected by high levels of offender violence and prison gangs.

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