

## DEPUTY PRESIDENT MABUZA LEADS INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 VACCINES OUTREACH VISIT IN BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT

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*Deputy President David Mabuza engaged with Rustenburg Campus students to check if they had vaccinated or had registered to vaccinate*

Deputy President, Mr David Mabuza led the Inter-Ministerial Committee on COVID-19 vaccines rollout outreach to the North West Province during September 2021. Among one of Honourable Mabuza and his delegation's stops, was a visit to ORBIT TVET College, Rustenburg campus on 09 September 2021, to encourage students and staff to vaccinate or register to vaccinate if they had not done so yet.

Honourable Mabuza was accompanied by North West provincial authorities led by Premier, Mr Bushy Maape, Minister of Health, Dr J Phaahla and MEC of Health in the North West Province, Mr M Sambatha amongst other dignitaries.

After a briefing session at the Central Office with the Senior Management of the College, the Regional Manager for North West and Mpumalanga Colleges, Dr N

Balkrishen and the Chairperson of the College Council, Dr K Molantoa, the Deputy President and his entourage embarked on a walk-about to the mobile vaccination site at Rustenburg Campus, where they interacted with students and staff, who came out in great numbers, about the Department of Health vaccination programme.

The delegation then departed to visit other key areas around Rustenburg, including the Rustenburg Taxi Rank and Rustenburg Mall, where they engaged with community members. This was followed by a door-to-door community mobilisation in Tlhabane Township, Rustenburg

Following Mr Mabuza's visit to the College, the Principal of ORBIT College, Mr Dika Mokoena, said he was pleased with the increasing number of staff and students vaccinating and/or registering to vaccinate. "Since Honourable Mabuza and his delegation visited our College, I'm pleased to announce that the College has witnessed an impressively increasing number of both staff and students registering to vaccinate at the vaccination centres across our three campuses in Brits, Mankwe and Rustenburg. This is a clear indication that his presence contributed positively in encouraging citizens to do the responsible thing by vaccinating. Returning our beautiful country back to 'normal' is a collective effort, and ORBIT TVET College will continue to work hand in hand with government and play its part in fighting to end the COVID-19 pandemic", Mr Mokoena said.

Government is working towards ensuring that South Africa reaches herd immunity by 31 December 2021. As at 12 November 2021, South Africa had administered a total of 23.8 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with 13.3 million citizens being fully vaccinated.



*During the Inter-Ministerial Committee's walk-about at Rustenburg Campus, one of the crucial stops was the mobile vaccination site set up by the Department of Health, North West Province, to monitor the vaccination statistics in the province. Mr Mabuza is flanked by students and 2021 SRC President, Ms Karabo Metsieme (right).*



*Students came out in great numbers to meet the Deputy President and his entourage during their Inter-Ministerial Committee on COVID-19 vaccines rollout outreach at ORBIT College, Rustenburg Campus.*