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CIRCULAR H 202 /2021

ADDITIONAL VACCINE DOSE FOR IMMUNOCOMPROMISED UPDATE IN PACK COVID-19 VACCINE JOB AID

This circular is an update to Circular H196 of 2021: ADOLESCENT UPDATES IN PACK COVID-19 VACCINE JOB AID

The PACK Vaccine job aid is a practical, illustrated job aid that is continually being updated to keep pace with evolving recommendations and information related to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Updates in PACK Vaccine job aid, version 4, remain the same other than an updated definition of an 'immunocompromised client' in line with the Western Cape Circular H198 of 2021 - Vaccination of Immunocompromised Clients. 29 November 2021.

Immunocompromised individuals (18 years and older) include the following:

- HIV positive clients with a CD4 count less than 200 within the last 6 months.
- Those on long-term high dose oral steroid therapy or systemic biologics (e.g for autoimmune conditions).
- Those with cancers involving their bone marrow/blood.
- Those who have had organ or bone marrow transplants.
- Those without a spleen.
- Those on long-term renal dialysis.
- Those that have a moderate to severe Primary Immunodeficiency Disorder (PID).

Updated electronic versions, with recent changes summarised on the cover and highlighted in the document will be made available on:

- The Western Cape Coronavirus vaccine resources website:
<https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/vaccine/health-workers-0>
- The KTU website: <https://knowledgetranslation.co.za/resources/covid-19-vaccine-resources-sa/> or
- The PDC website: <https://blogs.sun.ac.za/stellmed/additional-resources/>

Yours faithfully



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