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PURPOSE OF THE DAY & WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR. NDLELA KUNENE DURING THE DEPARTMENTAL VOOMA VACCINATION DRIVE EVENT 05 NOVEMBER 2021 – SEASONS CONFERENCE VENUE

Programme Director,

Officials of the Department,

Fellow stakeholders,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Greetings and warm welcome,

Ladies and gentlemen, we are gathered here today as part of the government's effort to increase the uptake of vaccine. As a department we are required to contribute to achieving population immunity by doing our part in ensuring that at least we vaccinate 70% of staff. This Vooma vaccination drive event which is themed: **“Reduce COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths by going for the jab”**. was launched at the beginning of the October month nationally. This event comes because of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, which revolutionized how people do things, termed the new normal. With COVID-19 pandemic the world has been subjected to various levels of lockdown affecting economic and social activities.

The following are some of the objectives why people need to vaccinate:

- **Reduction of pressure on the healthcare system.**
- **Reduction of overall COVID-19 severity and mortality.**
- **Re-opening of society.**
- **Disease elimination.**

As a department we would like to have most of you vaccinating so that we can rest assured that people have some level of immunity against COVID-19. Currently as we stand here the Department has 48% of staff vaccinated and would like to significantly increase vaccine uptake to even 80% plus. I would like to plead with the young people to take up vaccination as this is the area of low intake as compared to the 60 plus age category in which we have 84% vaccinating.

Whilst we understand that vaccination is voluntary, we encourage you, to take a stand against the COVID-19, and in case you resolve not to vaccinate do not discourage others from doing so. Take this opportunity also in honor of those that have passed on due to COVID-19 and never had this chance of taking the jab.

On that note, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to this event. A special hearty warm welcome to new staff members who are joining us for the first time in the departmental events. We hope that all of you would take what you have learned out of today's session to your families and the community and encourage all to vaccinate.

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