



NATJOINTS COVID-19

LESSONS LEARNT

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Lessons Learnt: NATJOINTS COVID-19: Outcomes, Objectives, Workstreams and Cluster Linkages



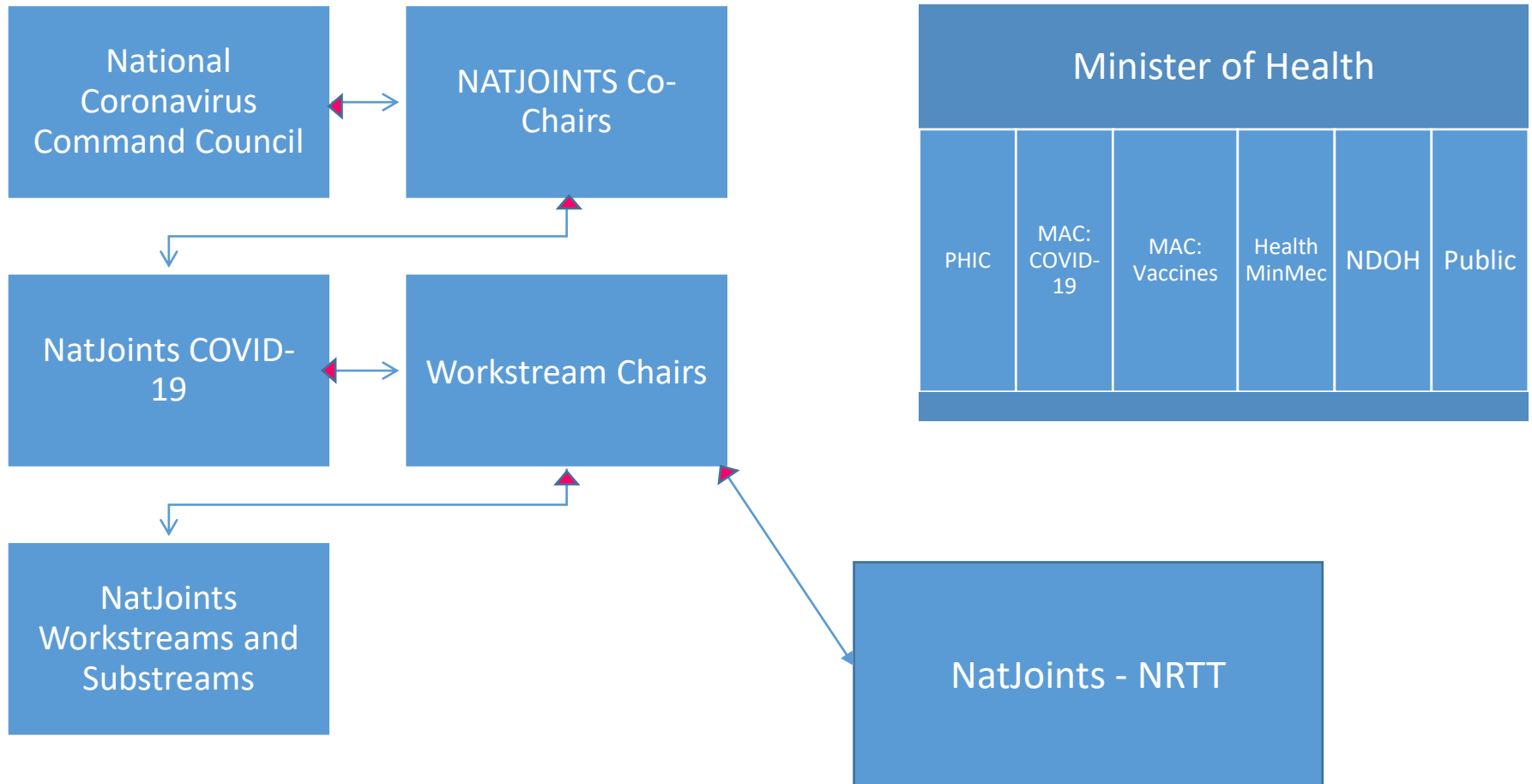
Workstream	Cluster linkage	Chair
1. Public Health and Infections Containment	Social Cluster	Health and NDMC
2. Social Impact Mediation	Social Cluster	DSD, DWYPD, DPME
3. Economic Impact Mediation	Economic Cluster	DMRE, Tourism (Co-Chairs at the time)
4. Travel Restrictions and Border Management	JCPS	DHA DIRCO*
5. Legal Workstream	JCPS/Cross-cutting	DOJ&CD
6. Intelligence Coordinating Committee (ICC)	JCPS	NICOC
7. Communication and Community Mobilisation	Cross-cutting	GCIS
8. National Data and Policy Observatory	Cross-cutting	DSI, SARS, STASTSA CSIR*
* Deputy Chair or Head of Sub-stream		



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Key Risks and Mitigants

Risks	Mitigants
Lack of a defined Terms of Reference, responsibilities	Defined TORs from the start, constant engagement and adaptation to arising challenges
Leaking of information	Consider signing of confidentiality agreements where necessary
Getting the “right people in the room”	Consider carefully composition of meeting in relation to TORs and objectives Clearly defined responsibilities and written delegation from the Heads of Department or organisation of members- aligned to the NATJOINTS instruction Constant engagement, escalation where necessary
Fatigue, disillusionment	A sense of urgency to be instilled as well as intensive syndication and integration in the first phase. Phase One: Intensive Phase Two: Stabilisation and monitoring Phase Three: Close-out and normalisation
Mistrust	Sharing of information and “unfinished business” active co-creating of solutions

Shared Objectives

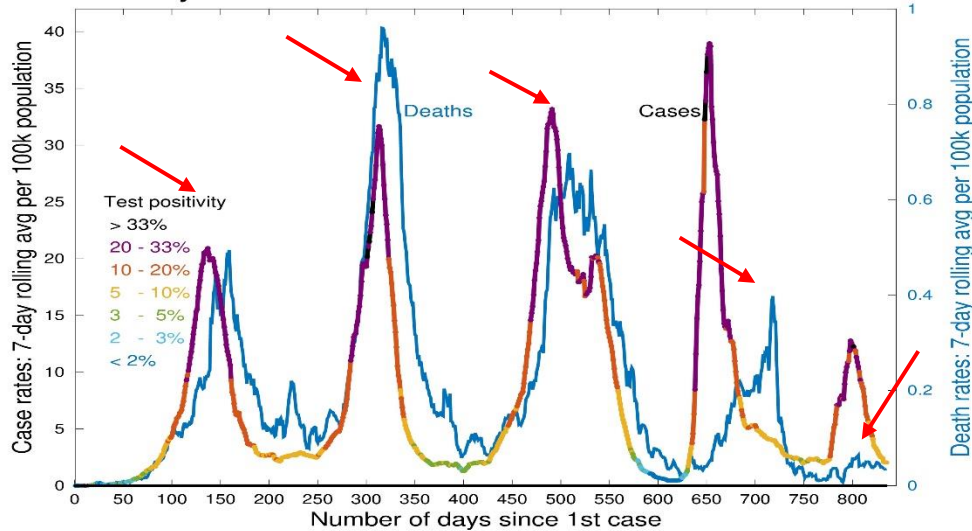
- ❖ Limit wastage, duplication, ensuring proper coordination
- ❖ Combat silos, build a collegial approach
- ❖ Promote shared perspective on priorities
- ❖ Disjuncture, misalignment or outright disagreement identified and addressed
- ❖ Coherent communication and promoting transparency
- ❖ Building active citizenry = informed citizenry, co-ownership



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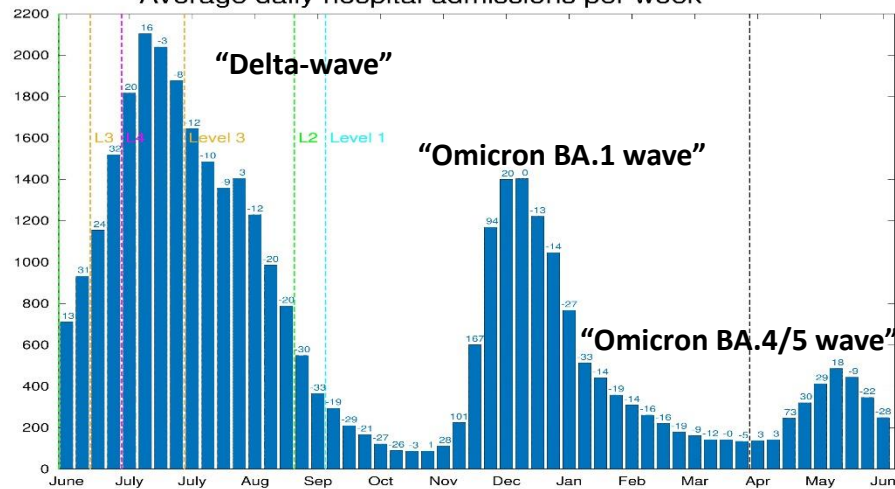
Where do we stand now in terms of the epidemiological situation in South Africa? Inter- “wave” comparison.

Daily COVID-19 cases and deaths in South Africa

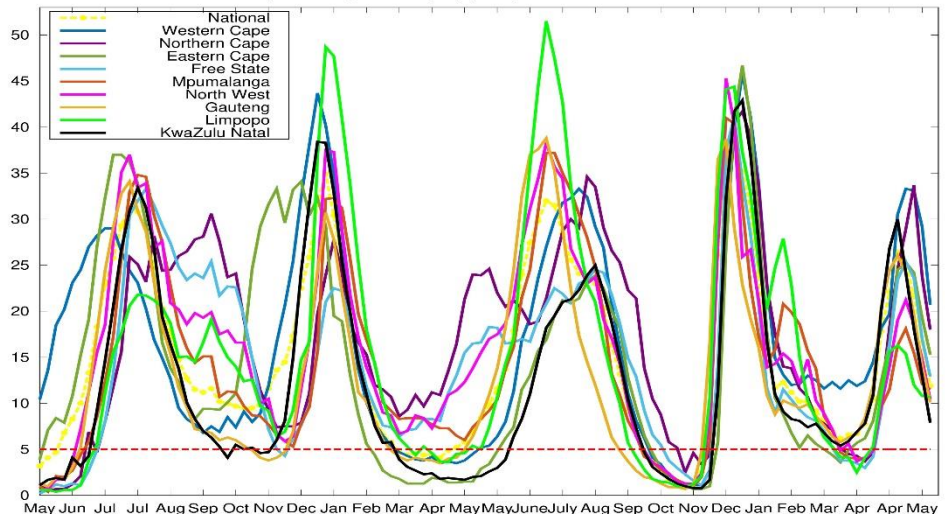


- ❖ The fourth wave (Omicron BA.1) marked a shift in the pandemic with a decisive delinking of infections with adverse health effects
- ❖ This trend was confirmed during the last resurgences of infections (“fifth wave” Omicron BA.4/BA.5), even when though test positivity rates have remained comparable.

Average daily hospital admissions per week



Test positivity rates (%) per province in South Africa

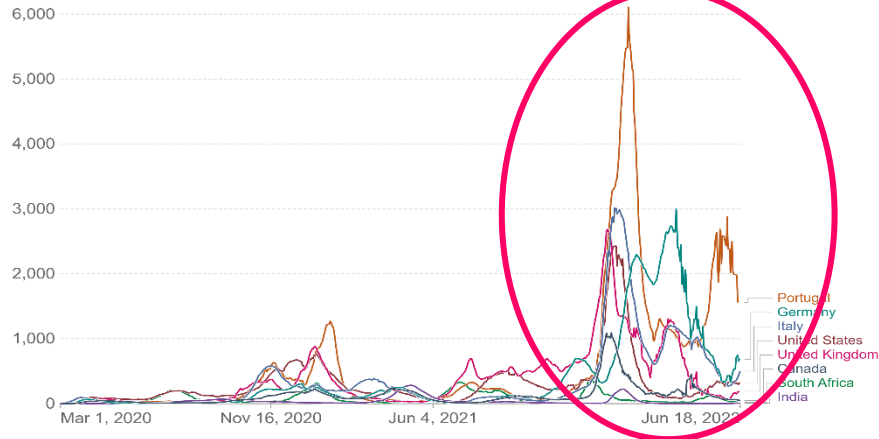




Where do we stand now in terms of the epidemiological situation? Global Context

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people

7-day rolling average. Due to limited testing, the number of confirmed cases is lower than the true number of infections.



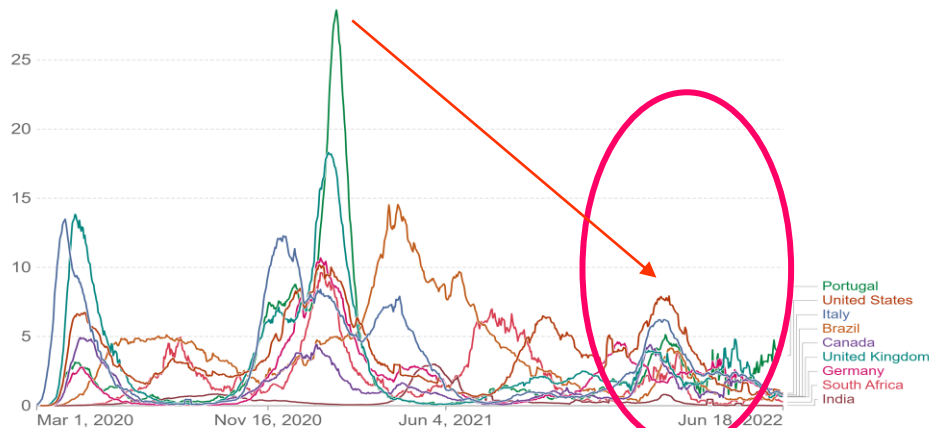
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- ❖ Even in jurisdictions with a high share of the population vaccinated, resurgences still occur.
- ❖ This has been delinked with adverse health effects and fatalities gradually.

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 deaths per million people

7-day rolling average. Due to varying protocols and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death, the number of confirmed deaths may not accurately represent the true number of deaths caused by COVID-19.



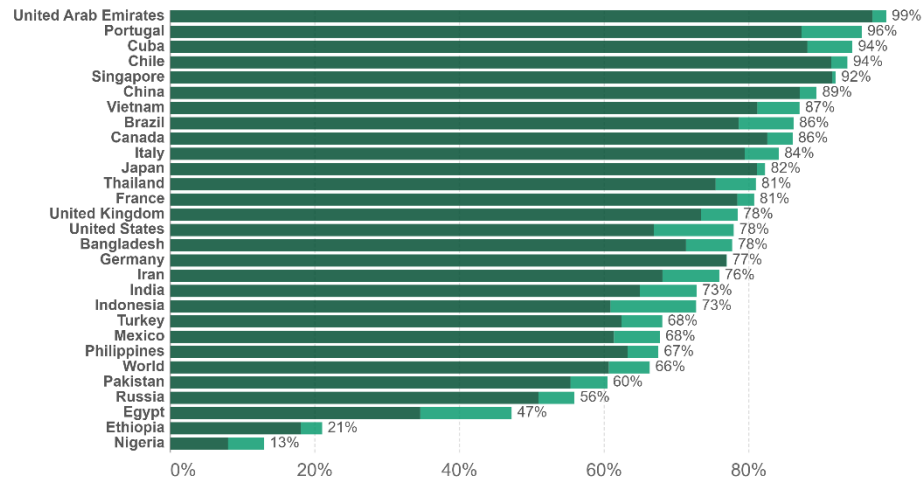
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Share of people vaccinated against COVID-19, Jun 18, 2022

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■ Share of people with a complete initial protocol ■ Share of people only partly vaccinated



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data

Note: Alternative definitions of a full vaccination, e.g. having been infected with SARS-CoV-2 and having 1 dose of a 2-dose protocol, are ignored to maximize comparability between countries.

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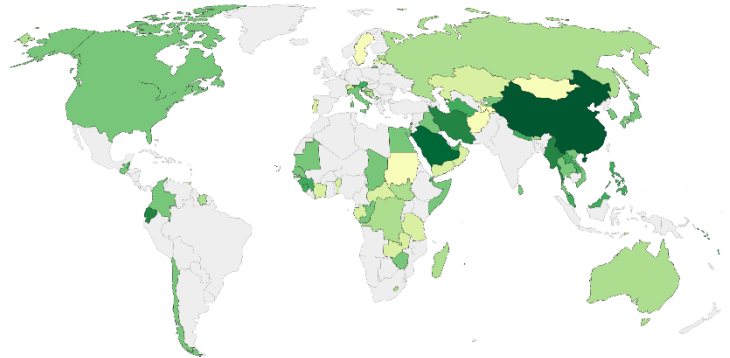


Where do we stand now in terms of the epidemiological situation? Global Context of COVID-19 Restrictions, the Stringency Index

COVID-19: Containment and Health Index, Jun 18, 2022

This is a composite measure based on thirteen policy response indicators including school closures, workplace closures, travel bans, testing policy, contact tracing, face coverings, and vaccine policy rescaled to a value from 0 to 100 (100 = strictest). If policies vary at the subnational level, the index is shown as the response level of the strictest sub-region.

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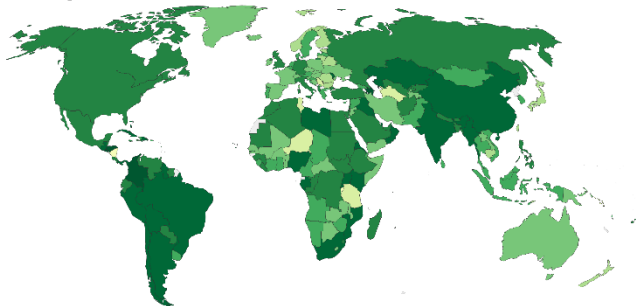


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COVID-19: Containment and Health Index, Jun 30, 2020

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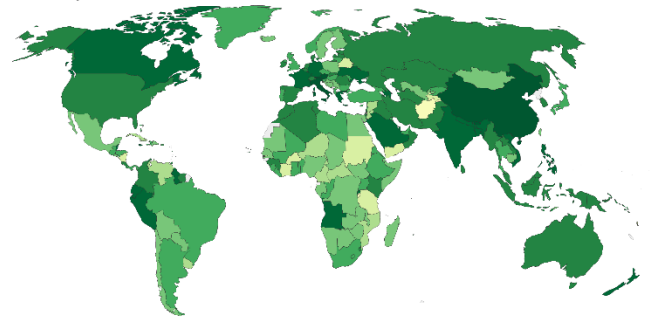


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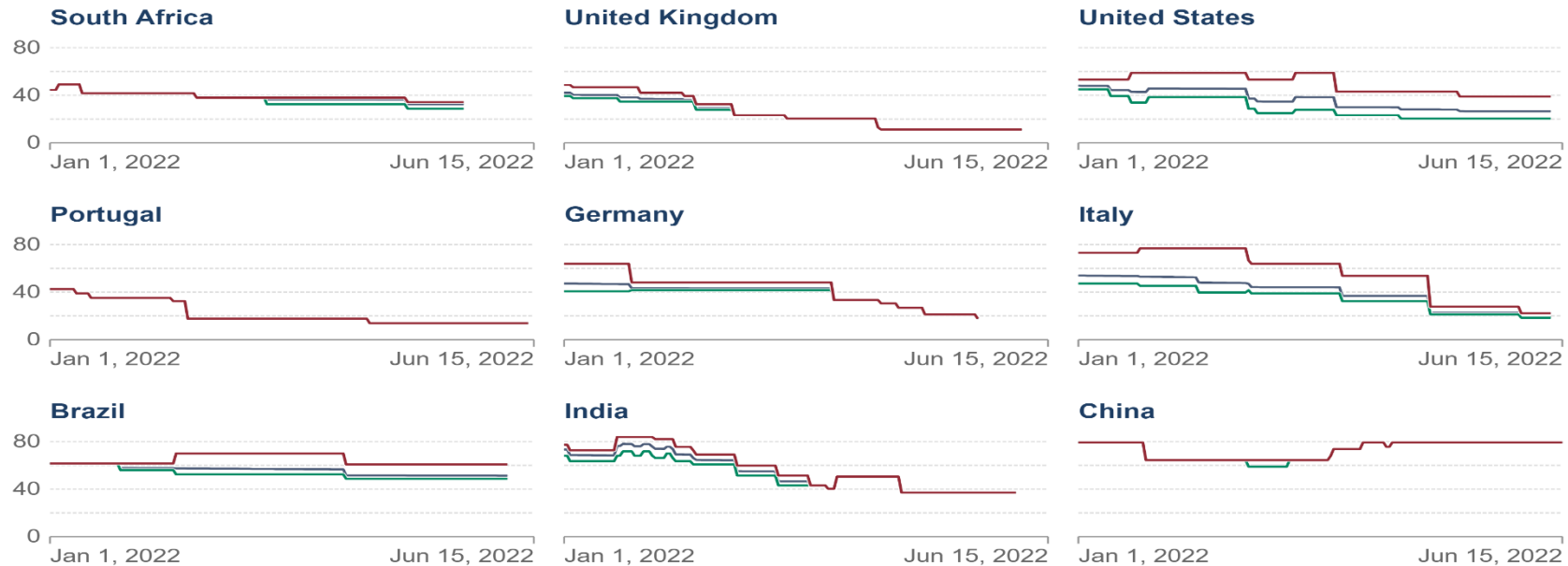
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COVID-19: Stringency Index

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The stringency index is a composite measure based on nine response indicators including school closures, workplace closures, and travel bans, rescaled to a value from 0 to 100 (100 = strictest).

■ Non-vaccinated ■ Vaccinated ■ Weighted average of vaccinated and non-vaccinated

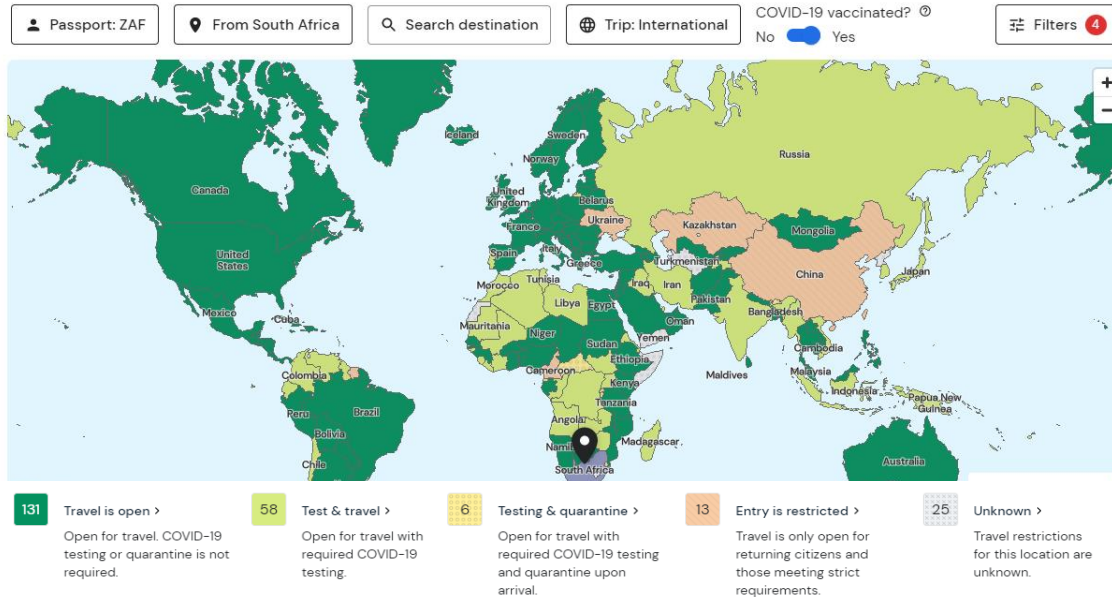


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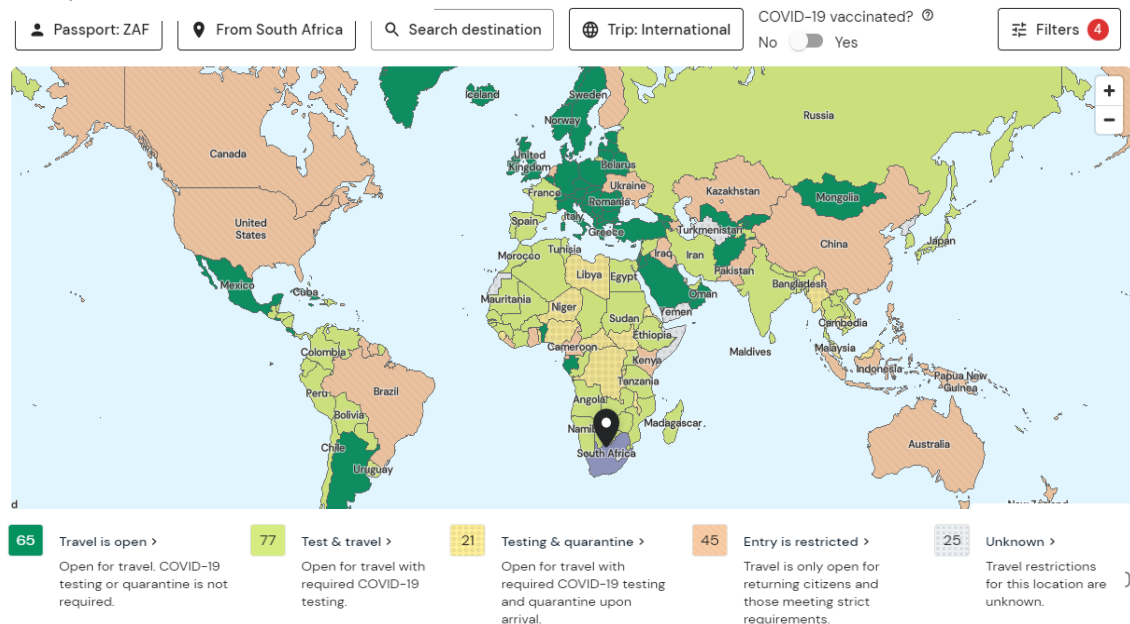


Global Context of COVID-19 Restrictions: Travel Restrictions



Travel Restrictions for **Vaccinated** Travellers from South Africa compared to unvaccinated. **131 jurisdictions** open for travel open for travel without any other COVID-19 related requirements

Travel Restrictions for **Unvaccinated** Travellers from South Africa compared to unvaccinated. Only **65 jurisdictions** open for travel without any other COVID-19 related requirements



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The next phase of COVID-19 Containment

Key Principles underpinning NatJoints-NRTT Approach

1. Managing a pandemic to managing an endemic disease while being on the alert for the next wave and having regulatory measures in place that can be triggered if necessary;
2. Enforcement through criminal sanctions to an emphasis on codes of good practice and guidelines; and
3. Given the limited success in preventing transmission of the virus to preventing severe disease and death, placing pressure on the health system and posing a serious public health risk.

Key Measures Recommended and Commitments

- ❖ Promote and ramp up vaccinations including through positive and negative incentives with an increasing focus on target groups (boosters for over 50s, the 18 – 35-year-old cohort, certain districts in South Africa).
- ❖ The promotion of the flu vaccine should accompany the promotion of the Covid19 vaccine for targeted members of the population.
- ❖ Actively promoting rather than seeking to enforce effective non-pharmaceutical interventions to mitigate the spread of transmission for both Covid and other airborne diseases.
- ❖ Enabling, supporting, and encouraging employers, workplaces, operators and owners of establishments, event organisers, and government departments to adopt a risk-based approach.
- ❖ Management of events and gatherings risk through the risk-based approach rather than quantitative limits.
- ❖ Avoiding restrictions that impact the economy, especially the tourism, hospitality and leisure sectors
- ❖ Continued provision of relief, including a special facility for the events sector



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Community Mobilisation:

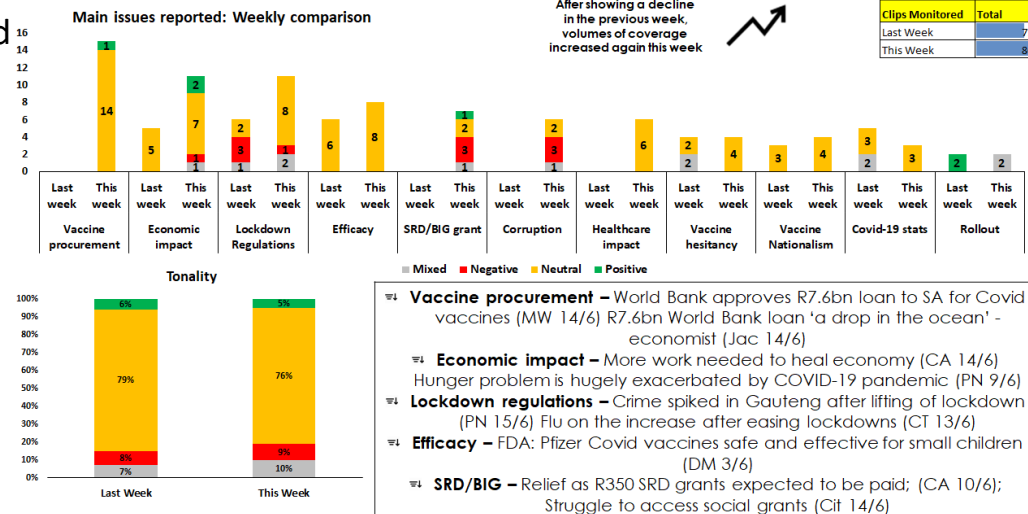
- ❖ **Community Media engagements** done through community Radio Programmes, inclusive of TV and Media Statements issuing on the COVID-19 Vaccination and Registration, Service Delivery, Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, Annual Thusong Service Week, Public Service Month, Voter Registration, Economic Opportunities and Economic Recovery.
- ❖ **Stakeholder engagements** were implemented on the same topics as listed above. These were with provincial stakeholders, Business and Men's Forums, Youth, Traditional Councils, Community Media, Civil Society Structures, Districts and Local Command Councils and War rooms.
- ❖ **Community Outreach** inclusive of Community Loud hailing sessions, Activations, Information sharing sessions and support to political principals during their monitoring visits to various sites.

Paid for Media Campaign

- ❖ Social Media
- ❖ News Clock
- ❖ Radio ads (Community and Commercial)
- ❖ TV Squeezbacks flighting
- ❖ Out of Home; billboards, rank television, wall murals
- ❖ Online



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