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Dear Members of the Faculty of Health Sciences Community,

Re: Wits Pharmacy Vaccination Service for FHS -FAQ

The Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology is pleased to announce the launch of our vaccination programme. Below, you will find a set of frequently asked questions along with answers that will guide you with instructions on how to book for your vaccination. The vaccination service is open to qualifying students of the faculty.

What am I being vaccinated against?

• You will receive a booster shot of the MMR vaccine.

Who is eligible for vaccination?

• Any FHS student who has not yet received their MMR booster vaccine. Please note, this is a requirement as part of your degree programme.

When can I get vaccinated?

• Vaccinations are available on the date of your scheduled appointment.

What dates are available?

• 3rd February, 4th February, 5th February, 10th February, 12th February

What are the available appointment times?

• Appointment slots are available based on the booking link. Once booked, the time slot will no longer appear. We have maximum of 35 appointments for February 2025.

How do I schedule an appointment?

• You are required to book for your vaccination using the following link: <u>https://calendly.com/fatimakath/fhs-vaccinations?month=2025-02</u>. If you encounter any issues please email <u>Muhammed.vally@wits.ac.za</u>

What additional information should I include in my email if I have any problems?

• Please provide your full name, student number, mobile number, degree program, and year of study and a detailed description of the issue.

What should I bring on the day of my appointment?

• Your mobile phone with access to Wits WiFi.

Why do I need my mobile phone?

• You will need to complete an online consent form, a medical history form (guidance will be provided), and a fee authorization form.

Where will the vaccinations take place?

• Vaccinations will be administered at the Simulation Pharmacy in the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology, located on the 8th floor of Wits Medical School. Directions to the the Simulation Pharmacy will be placed at the lifts on the 3rd, 4th floor and 8th floor.

What will happen on the day of my vaccination?

• Arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time.

• The pharmacist will verify your appointment and provide instructions for accessing the digital forms.

- After completing the forms, you will be taken to a private area for the vaccination.
- The healthcare professional administering the vaccine will briefly explain what to expect post-vaccination before proceeding.

• After the vaccination, you will be asked to sit in a waiting area for 15 minutes for observations of any side effects.

• Once the observation period is over, you may leave.

Will I receive proof of vaccination?

• Yes, you will be provided with a digital proof of vaccination via email containing your details, as well as the details of the vaccine and vaccinator.

What if I am unable to attend my appointment?

• If you are unable to attend your scheduled appointment, please cancel it using the link in your email booking confirmation. This notice allows us to reschedule your appointment and offer your spot to another student.

Yours sincerely

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