

Over 70% of Exxaro employees now vaccinated

Exxaro Resources this month announced that it has successfully vaccinated more than 73% of its employees (including contractors). This it attributes to its ongoing partnership with Dis-Chem as well as its collaboration with the Department of Health in Limpopo and Mpumalanga to vaccinate employees, contractors, and their next of kin for the past year.



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Dr Joseph Matjila, Exxaro group manager: health and safety, said, “This exciting achievement is an affirmation of our commitment to protect our employees and their families in line with our Zero Harm policy, which also ensures that we provide access to basic healthcare services in a holistic way.”

More specifically, the statistics as of 13 December 2021 show that of the total number of 14,679 employees, Exxaro has vaccinated 10,725 (73.12%). Of the vaccinated individuals, 64% are below the age of 35 years; 38% are between 35 to 49 years; 19% are between 50 to 59 years and 1% are 60 years and above. To this end, the organisations’ operations which are leading are: in Limpopo Province, Tshikondeni, which has vaccinated 96% of its workforce population, Hlobane has vaccinated 90% of employees, followed by Grootegeluk Complex in Lephalale which is on 81%. And in the Mpumalanga Province, Exxaro’s Matla mine has reached 79% and Belfast has vaccinated 70% of its employees.



Vaccination is simply the best defence against Covid-19

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Encouraging figures

Mongezi Veti, executive head: sustainability, added, “These are encouraging figures given the global and local trends of vaccinating the majority of young people, where we are currently at 64% amongst our employee groups. We will continue our drive and contribution for South Africa to achieve the same.”



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“We attribute this unique success to our partnerships with the various provincial departments of health where we have mining and renewable energy operations as well as the Minerals Council South Africa (MCSA). Our success relies on active collaboration with stakeholders in our host communities to transform the country for the better, together,” he said.

According to the MCSA, 318,005 vaccinations have been completed in the sector as of 13 December 2021, representing 70% of the industry’s 450,000 employees, among which 83% are fully and 17% partially vaccinated as the sector drives towards achieving its 80% vaccination target.

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