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Date:	15 December 2020		
To:	<b>Minister ZL Mkhize, Honourable Minister of Health</b>	From:	<b>Prof B Schoub: Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) on COVID-19 Vaccines</b>

### ADVISORY COVID-19: VACCINE STRATEGY

#### Problem Statement

##### Background:

In line with the terms of reference and the scope of the Ministerial advisory committee on COVID-19 vaccines the attached Vaccine strategy has been developed for consideration. The COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy comprises of the following areas:

1. Research and Development
2. Purchase agreements
3. Support for local manufacturing
4. Regulatory approvals
5. Immunisation administration and monitoring
6. Selection criteria for vaccines

#### Points considered

The COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy aims to contribute to the following outcomes:

- Sufficient supply and adequate access to a safe and effective vaccine to achieve population immunity to COVID-19;
- Protection of vulnerable population groups from acquiring COVID-19;
- Contribute to South Africa's social and economic recovery following the negative impact of COVID-19;
- Enhance South Africa's preparedness for response to future disease outbreaks; and
- Development of a comprehensive communication programme developed with civil society and the media, to address vaccine hesitancy and increase vaccine confidence.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Minister of Health take note of the attached COVID-19 Vaccine strategy

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Kind regards,



**PROFESSOR BARRY SCHOUB**

**CHAIRPERSON: MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 VACCINES**

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**CC:**

- » **Dr S Buthelezi (Director-General)**
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