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JOZINI AND UMHLABUYALINGANA FINALISE THEIR FMD VACCINATION ROLLOUT TODAY.

Jozini Livestock farmers associations have been commended for responding to the call to present their cattle to dip tanks as the vaccination rollout programme is rounded up today in the area. Despite the presence of many unaccounted cloven-hoofed animals that are freely grazing in the area's forests, the veterinary-led teams say there's great progress made to bring those animals on board. To date, approximately 90 thousand cattle have been vaccinated in Jozini alone, bringing to a total of 120 thousand doses administered, including those from UMhlabuyalingana in the same district of uMkhanyakude.

Veterinary services-led teams are on a last stretch in Jozini's Nondabuya, Manaba, and Buhlebembube diptanks. Yesterday, 16 205 vaccines were administered by the teams. Dr. S'busiso Fakude, the district's State Veterinarian, remains optimistic about exceeding the target of vaccinating over 75% of the cattle population, which stands at 145 thousand, across both UMhlabuyalingana and Jozini.

The Big 5 Hlabisa and Inkosi Mtubatuba vaccinations are scheduled from 10 to 16th April 2026. "We urge farmers, livestock owners to comply and bring their cattle at their respective dip tanks. Diptanks under Big 5 Hlabisa and Inkosi Mtubatuba local municipalities have an estimate of 55 000 cattle to be vaccinated. We have a solid campaign that will see us also meeting our target," concludes Dr Fakude.





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