



## FMD VACCINATION ROLLOUT UPDATE

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A 20-member vaccination team has moved from the Jozini area to Big 5 Hlabisa and Inkosi Mtubatuba, to start foot and mouth disease vaccinations from tomorrow, 10 to 16 April, 2026. The teams are equipped with vaccines manufactured by Dollvet from Turkiye. They have already administered 130 807 doses against Foot-and-Mouth Disease across 123 dip tanks in uMhlabuyalingana and Jozini, bordering Mozambique and eSwatini. Each area under the remaining local municipalities from uMkhanyakude District - Big 5 Hlabisa and Inkosi Mtubatuba is expected to receive 10 vaccination teams, which will administer about 55 thousand vaccines. These areas are home to 24 private farms with beef meat production that will also have their farms vaccinated.

The vaccines are part of the second batch received by the province, totalling 560 thousand. The province has thus far been allocated 760 thousand doses of both BioGenesis Bago and Dollvet manufactured vaccines, which have been used to complete vaccinations in uGu and Harry Gwala districts, as well as in some areas within Amajuba, uThukela, and uMgungundlovu districts.

According to the schedule, Team One (1 to 10) will be stationed at Inkosi Mtubatuba, overseeing vaccinations at dip tanks, whereas Team Two (11 to 20) will be based in Big 5 Hlabisa. All livestock farmers and cattle owners are advised to present their cattle at the diptanks by 6 am.

For further information on this please contact Vusi Khumalo, MLO and the MEC's Spokesperson at 082 350 4674.

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