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MEDIA RELEASE**

Molemole Local Municipality Manager Mr. Maphala Lazarus Mosena has been inoculated with Johnson & Johnson Vaccine in Polokwane on Friday, 13th August 2021. Mr. Mosena is encouraging all Staff and all Councillors to be fully vaccinated. Molemole Local Municipality in Partnership with the Provincial Department of Health, is following the lead of other municipalities and state departments that have already rolled out Vaccines Programs.

It remains unclear what percentage of staff are already inoculated and the majority of the Councilors have indicated that they had been inoculated. The Political Management Team (PMT) has been vaccinated with J&J, while the Mayor, Cllr Masilo Edward Paya, will be taking his last Pfizer Vaccine Jab on the 24th August 2021.

Mayor, Cllr Masilo Edward Paya's administration is expected to make an announcement soon, regarding vaccination plans for the municipal workforce at large in line with all health and safety protocols and after consultations with the Worker's Unions.

"With the rise in COVID-19 cases due to the Delta variant, we must act to protect the public and Council" said the Municipal Manager, Mr. Mosena.

Molemole under Capricorn District Municipality has recorded 27 Active cases and 61 deaths. The municipality through its partnership with the Department of Health, has realised that at many of its vaccination sites, especially in the afternoon, they are literally empty. The resources are there and people are not turning up in high numbers. The PMT is calling for every eligible adults to go out in their numbers to get vaccinated, as this is the only way to fight COVID-19 pandemic.

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