

MEDIA INVITATION TO VIRTUAL EVENT**Managing the second wave of COVID-19 within the post-school sector**

HIGHER HEALTH, the agency of the Department of Higher Education and Training, has supported the COVID-19 response across the Post-School Education and Training System (PSET) since the beginning of the pandemic. *

As academic institutions prepare to open, various challenges lie ahead, including:

- A highly transmissible new COVID-19 variant
- Increased infection among all age groups, especially youth
- Over-burdened health facilities and quarantine centres
- Fatigue and attrition among frontline healthcare and essential workers.

The upcoming examination period warrants a need to train and re-energise management, task teams, academia, frontline student support and allied staff. Part of the PSET sector's preparation to participate in the national COVID-19 vaccine initiative entails training for student leadership, volunteers and peer educators.

Keynote address: Dr Blade Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology

Moderator: Dr (Professor) Ramneek Ahluwalia, CEO of HIGHER HEALTH

Panellists:

- Honourable Dr Blade Nzimande Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology
- Dr Sandile Buthelezi, Director General Department of Health
- Professor Tim Tucker, Clinical Virologist
- Dr Kerrigan McCarthy, Clinical Virologist, NICD
- Professor Ahmed Bawa, CEO: Universities South Africa (USAf)
- Dr Sibusiso Chalufu, Executive Director: Student Life- North-West University (NWU) and President: SA Association of Senior Student Affairs Professionals (SAASSAP)
- Mr Sanele Mlotshwa, President of SA Public Colleges Organisation (SAPCO) and Principal, Majuba TVET College
- Ms Xolile Nkabinde, NEC member of South African Union of Students (SAUS)
- Mr Siphwe Khumalo, President of South African Technical Vocational Education and Training Student Association (SATVETSA)

The ever-changing coronavirus and associated policy developments have huge implications on the PSET system. Join this important discussion.

Date: 27 January 2021

Time: 10h45 to 13h00

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