



Residents in the vicinity of the Mangaung Outdoor Sports Centre came out in numbers to vaccinate, apply for IDs and access a range of services from Home Affairs on 16 September 2021

## VACCINATION DRIVE AND ID CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

**M**angaung Metro Speaker of Council, Cllr. Mapaseka Mothibi-Nkoane visited the ID and vaccination drive at the Mangaung Outdoor Sports Centre on Thursday, September 16, where she engaged residents on the importance of applying for their identity documents and taking the job to protect themselves and those they love against COVID-19.

The two-day drive is a joint venture between the municipality, the Department of Home Affairs and the FS Department of Health and is aimed at bringing services closer to the people. Speaking during the event, Cllr. Mothibi-Nkoane said the Office of the Speaker is there to launch the drive and encourage residents to go register, so that they are able to go and vote on 01 November.

"I am impressed with the turnout, as it shows that residents need access to such services. We would like to see Mangaung going back to normal, with residents being



Council Speaker, Cllr. Mapaseka Mothibi-Nkoane and Ward 14's Cllr. Maleho Tlale interacted with community members



Ntebaleng Ndlulana was happy to vaccinate closer to home

able to make a living," said Mothibi-Nkoane.

She cautioned residents to make sure that their IDs are not duplicated, because there are instances whereby

three people share the same ID number. She also raised the issue of people who lost their documents and said if they have a copy of the ID or temporary ID then they can vote. "We are hopeful that this day will bring positive results to the residents of Mangaung. We understand that some residents don't have the means to go to town, so we decided to bring the services to the people," said Mothibi-Nkoane.

Ward 14's Councillor, Maleho Tlale said he received his Covid-19 jab last week and

it was important for him to lead by example in his ward; so that people can also follow in his footsteps and get vaccinated. "It is so heartening to see residents take full advantage of these services. We have learners who are here to apply for their IDs and elders who are here to collect. People have also been sitting patiently waiting to get their vaccine," said Cllr. Tlale.

Community member, Ntebaleng Ndlulana said she came for her vaccine and she was happy how the whole process worked out. "I wasn't here for a long time before they called my name to get vaccinated. I've been wanting to get vaccinated for a while now, but I didn't have the money to go to other vaccination sites such as Pelonomi," said Ndlulana. She said the possible side effects were explained to her and she was given an opportunity to ask questions. "I can't wait to get home and convince my husband to come get vaccinated; there is nothing to be afraid of," she concluded.

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