

MEDIA STATEMENT

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BUSA'S REACTION TO PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA'S ADDRESS LAST NIGHT

BUSA welcomes the ongoing downward trend in Covid infections and the advice of the health experts to the President to lighten some of the restrictions. We particularly welcome the lifting of requirements for a PCR test for incoming visitors and returning South Africans provided proof of a valid vaccination is provided. This will be a significant boost to Tourism and will also make it easier for vaccinated South Africans to travel. We welcome the regulations allowing 50% of capacity for outdoor events, which will enable sports events to start, but with proof of vaccination or negative test.

The President's address brought the country good news, which we all need. However, the address also emphasised the imperative of not letting our guards down. We are not out of the pandemic yet! We must continue to, and increase our efforts to, encourage everybody to vaccinate! The science is unequivocal that vaccinated people have a substantially reduced risk to infection and infecting others. It is also evident that unvaccinated people are at greater risk to getting very ill if infected and being hospitalized. So, please vaccinate!"

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