



Did you receive a Sisonke vaccination? If you get COVID-19 please tell us ASAP.

If you get COVID-19 we want to be in touch to:

1. Confirm the diagnosis and timing.

2. Ask how you are and assess the

severity of your symptoms.

3. Arrange for swabs that can be sent to sequence the virus.







Breakthrough Infections (BTIs)

BTIs are infections that occur more than 4 weeks since vaccination. Everyone who received a Sisonke vaccination who now develops COVID-19 is considered to have a BTI.

We scan test results from public and private laboratories to find BTIs.

Help us find you by:

Ensuring your ID / Passport number and cellphone number that you used on EVDS are entered on your COVID-19 test request forms.





Breakthrough infections Tell us by:

Email us at sisonke.bti@mrc.ac.za

If you don't have access to email call the Sisonke Desk on



0800 014 956

The email and desk are staffed Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm & Saturday 8am to 1pm. Email is easier for us, but do let us know.





Breakthrough infections – what can you expect?

A Sisonke team member will call you to find out how you are.

We want to arrange two additional swabs so that we can consider them for sequencing. We can't promise to sequence everyone but we will let you know what we found if we send your sample for sequencing.

We will be in touch again



to hear how long it took you to recover.

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Why should you call us?

It's important to track the effectiveness of the JnJ vaccine when delivered at scale. Government needs this information to guide choice of vaccines and pick up any cases of viral 'escape' early.

Help us by being in touch if you test positive.

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