



# HSRC to present the findings of the South African National COVID-19 Antibody Survey (NCAS)

The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) together with its research partners invite members of the media to join a webinar presenting the findings of the South African National COVID-19 Antibody Survey (NCAS).

The survey conducted during the period November 2020-April 2021 aimed to estimate the number of South Africans that had been infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including those who may have been infected but did not get tested, either due to being asymptomatic or not being able to access testing.

The survey established that women were more likely to be infected than men, probably due to gendered roles that predispose them to infection.

It further found that people aged 18 to 35 years were less likely to be infected compared to those aged 12 to 17 years, suggestive of different mingling patterns among young people compared to those who are older.

These results of the survey gives a national picture of COVID-19 infection 14 months into the epidemic and Indicate a need for a differentiated response to address the variable infection burden by province, metro area and locality type and gender.

## Programme

### 1. Opening Remarks Chair

Prof Simbayi, Acting CEO, HSRC

### 2. Presentation of the state of the epidemic

Prof Adrian Puren, NICD

### 3. Presentation of the National COVID-19 antibody Prevalence Survey Findings

Prof Sizulu Moyo, HSRC

### 4. Implications for response

Prof Khangelani Zuma, HSRC

### 5. Comments

Dr Gugu Ngubane, Solidarity Fund

### 6. Comments

Prof Yonah Seleti, Department of Science and Innovation

### 7. Discussion

All

### 8. Closure Chair

Prof Simbayi, Acting CEO, HSRC

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