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## South Africa to destroy 100,000 covid 19 vaccines by end of March ?



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**About 100,000 doses of Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine may be destroyed by the end of this month (March). This is due to the dwindling interest in patronage on the part of citizens, South African health authorities said on Friday.**

South Africa has recorded the most coronavirus infections and deaths on the African continent, however, immunizations have slowed and the country has ample vaccine stocks of about 25 million doses.

**“There is a risk that just over 100,000 or so doses, which will expire by end of March may have to be discarded.”**

It will be a sad day if significant volumes of doses can end up being discarded. We hope it will not reach that stage,” Health Minister Joe Phaahla told journalists during a virtual news conference.

He said the department was trying to upgrade vaccinations to save the vaccine doses from being destroyed.

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