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Tansi,

On behalf of the pandemic/health team, we would like our community to be aware of the following updates when it comes to new public health orders and vaccination updates.

Province Enacts Mandatory Self-Isolation Order

Saskatchewan will be enacting a public health order mandating that anyone that tests positive for COVID-19 self-isolate for 10-days after receiving a positive test result.

Unvaccinated close contacts of individuals that tested positive for COVID-19 will also be required to self-isolate.

Fully vaccinated individuals identified as a close-contact of a positive case will not be required to self-isolate but will be required to self-monitor and seek testing at the first sign of COVID-19 symptoms.

Booster Doses

With the administration of "booster" doses commencing this week for immunocompromised individuals and our long-term care residents, Saskatchewan will soon start providing widespread access to booster doses for the broader public.

Beginning in October, COVID-19 booster shots will soon be made available for the Saskatchewan senior population, with further expansion to the broader vaccinated public throughout the winter.

Further details including eligibility for boosters, sequencing, and timing of booster administration will be announced in the weeks ahead, contingent on vaccine allocations from the federal government.

FACTS

- Depending on your health and age the vaccine has been shown to be 60-80% effective against preventing lab confirmed covid-19 infection and symptoms 3-4 weeks after a single dose of vaccine
- Prior infection does not guarantee immunity
- Your protection against Covid-19 increases to 85% after the second dose
- After your second dose you are 70-90% protected against severe disease and Covid 19 related hospitalizations
- Areas with high coverage rates have demonstrated reduced spread among their populations
- Vaccine effectiveness in preventing deaths is generally greater than 70% and as high as 96%

If you want to get your vaccine don't hesitate to call a Community Health Nurse at the clinic, we will be happy to book your vaccine time

From your Muskeg Lake Health Team