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QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Now that vaccines are available in Canada, we know there are many questions that must be answered. Here are some of the most common questions:

Q: WHICH VACCINE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY HEALTH CANADA?

A: To date, the Pfizer vaccine and as of recently the Moderna Vaccine have been approved to help address the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Q: WILL THE PFIZER VACCINE OR MODERNA VACCINE BE SENT TO OUR COMMUNITY?

A: The Pfizer vaccine must be stored at -80 and cannot be shipped to our communities. The Moderna vaccine will be sent to our community.

Q: WHO WILL GET THE VACCINE FIRST?

A: Priority of Elders 70 years old and up and Kasayak clients (They are the most vulnerable), Frontline Health Care workers and Kasayak Center Staff.

Q: HOW DO I GET THE VACCINE IF I LIVE IN A REMOTE COMMUNITY?

A: Planning is underway on how vaccines will be delivered. Our First load of 200 Vaccines are being delivered today.

Q: ARE VACCINES SAFE?

A: All vaccines are tested and reviewed. Only vaccines that are effective and safe are approved by Health Canada

Q: CAN YOU HAVE A BAD REACTION TO THE MODERNA VACCINE?

A: Most of the time people only experience mild reactions including arm pain, fatigue, headache and chills. Very bad reactions are rare.

Q: WILL THE VACCINE BE MANDATORY?

A: People are encouraged to get the vaccine, but it will not be mandatory.

Q: WHY SHOULD I GET THE VACCINE?

A: The vaccine can help keep you and other members of our community safe, including Elders, your family and friends. The COVID-19 VACCINES ARE OUR BEST CHANCE AT ENDING THIS PANDEMIC.

Q: WHO SHOULD GET VACCINATED?

A: The Moderna Vaccine is recommended for people aged 18 years and older.

Q: WHY ARE CHILDREN ARE NOT COSIDERED TO GET VACCINATED?

A: Teens and Children have to wait to get vaccinated because so few kids have been part of the clinical trials to test the immunizations so far. It could take months before 18 and under could get a COVID – 19 Vaccine if approved by Regulators. This is being worked on.

If you have any questions, please phone our Cross Lake

COVID Hotline

1-204-590-6739

8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.