



Vaccine Planning in Atikameksheng Anishinabek

As of December 23, Health Canada has approved 2 Vaccines for use in Canada. Atikameksheng understands the urgency and the impacts it will have on the lives of the community members.

They are;

- Pfizer-BioNTECH (approved for 16 years of age and over) - 2 doses 21 days apart
- Moderna (approved for 18 years of age and over) - 2 doses one month apart

There are two (2) other vaccines are under review and we anticipate more in the future. Evidence for both vaccines found them to be highly effective against COVID-19 based on clinical trials with tens of thousands of participants. Protection against the disease was observed 1 or 2 weeks after the 2nd vaccine dose. Minor side effects were observed are similar to the ones you might you get from other immunizations. Neither are recommended for children or women pregnant/breastfeeding until more research is conducted. Please note that until there is sufficient population immunity, we need to continue the efforts in minimizing the spread of COVID-19;

- Wear a mask
- Physical distancing of 6 ft
- Hand hygiene (wash hands with soap or hand sanitize)
- Respiratory etiquette

The Health Team has attended webinars over the holidays on both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

We are currently working with Public Health, Maamwaysing and Indigenous Services Canada on the vaccine planning. Public Health Sudbury & Districts will distribute the vaccine and at this time they have not been advised of when they will receive the first shipment.

Priority for the Vaccine;

- Long Term Care Homes
- Health Care Workers
- Northern and isolated Indigenous Communities

As we learn more, we will keep you the community updated.

Right now, we would like to know who will be taking the COVID-19 Vaccine once it is available. A survey has been developed and we are asking you to complete, this will help us with the vaccine roll out in the community. SURVEY LINK:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KW6ZF8P>

We would like to assure the community, we are advocating for a speedy acquisition of the vaccine and ensuring that our members are prioritized.