Hi all,

This week has been one of growing excitement. Our seniors that meet the present requirements have been able to start scheduling their vaccine shots which will be administered locally at the Community Hall. In concert with this has been the ability of our local Pharmasave to provide the Astra Zeneca shots based upon a 50+ age group with conditions which can be found on their website.

As people are starting to receive their shots and our numbers are staying reasonably low, the province is considering another loosening of restrictions. Potentially moving from red to orange in the near future is a distinct possibility with an accompanying dropping of some restrictions. These can be reviewed on the provinces website where there is a survey that you can complete to give your thoughts on the upcoming proposed changes.

This is no green light to return to the normal we all remember. We are still seeing cases in our community so maintaining the fundamentals and following the existing orders is critical to keeping our positive momentum towards normalcy.

I'm feeling a new sense of optimism quite different than during some of the more intense outbreaks this winter. With more opportunities for vaccinations, the light at the end of the tunnel appears much brighter and bigger. I'm hopeful this news will be of great relief to everyone.

We are not sure where we will be this summer but summer is in the air. This summer may be the perfect opportunity to consider enjoying a staycation here at home! If you're looking for new and exciting things to do (especially for parents with young kids) I encourage you to visit our social media pages where our recreation staff is always sharing innovative in-home games, crafts and activities.

If you or someone you know is eligible for vaccination, I would you to encourage them schedule as soon as possible.

To find out more about vaccinations in Manitoba & to see if you qualify please visit: <u>https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html</u>

Until next week stay safe, stay happy, & stay healthy Flin Flon.