Hello everyone,

As we roll into June and more recreational weather approaches, I want to again emphasize the importance of vaccinating yourselves and your loved ones as soon as possible. I am pleased to announce that tomorrow; Pfizer vaccines will be available to youths in Flin Flon aged 12-17. This is tremendously exciting news. Essentially, the faster we vaccinate our kids the safer all of us are.

I know there are some groups of parents out there who are understandably concerned about giving their child a vaccine that is brand new and seems "rushed". I want to assure you that these vaccines by no means have been rushed. All producers of the Covid-19 vaccine have had to face vigorous trials and many months of testing before they were deemed safe to the general public. Hence why It's taken us over a year to get to this point. Myself and Council have all received our first doses with no abnormal side effects to report. If I trust these vaccines enough to keep my family safe, I hope you can do the same.

In concert with this, many can now start booking their second dose.

I honestly believe that vaccinating ourselves and our children will also be a key step in the public school system returning to normal. Depriving our children of public education has been one of the biggest tragedies of this pandemic. Not only has it robbed kids of an important aspect of their education and access to friends, it has also been difficult for working parents whom have had to adapt on very short notice. Although the measure was harsh, it was also necessary in keeping everyone safe. If there's any possibility of our kids having a normal school year in September, it can only be done through vaccinations.

I hope everyone who is hesitant will strongly consider what has been said today, and months before by medical professionals. There's lot of fake news on social media and no one deserves to be the victim of misinformation, especially our children. We will persevere through strength in immunity. Until next week stay safe, stay strong, and please get vaccinated.

Mayor Cal Huntley.