

Hi everyone,

As we enter into May, I'd like to address the recent expansion of vaccine eligibility criteria. As of now, eligibility has expanded to persons 18 years of age or older. This most recent expansion will also ensure that many of our frontline workers including police officers, firefighters, and workers in health care settings including outpatient situations can be vaccinated. This is presently unique to the North and some other specific hotspots in the province.

We have quite a few pop-ups happening in May and I want to encourage everyone that has yet to be vaccinated to take advantage of this opportunity. We have been informed that there are still many spots open so let's get it done. Residents of Creighton, Denare Beach, and Flin Flon Saskatchewan are more than welcome to schedule as well. A full list of vaccination dates can be found on our website and Facebook page. We will continue to update you as often as possible; however I recommend you follow the NRHA's page to stay directly on top of what's happening from the official source.

Given the way the numbers are trending, I do honestly believe our only route back to normal is through the vaccination process. The faster we can get everyone vaccinated, the faster we can put all of this behind us. So please, put aside any concerns you may have heard regarding vaccines on social media. We live in a world where mass misinformation can be easily disseminated. Now is certainly not the time to dive into any conspiracy theories. If someone shares information that goes against the advice we are getting from credible sources such as health authorities both provincial and federal, common sense will tell you it is very questionable. Please believe, you are not just getting vaccinated for yourself. It is for the protection of your family, your loved ones and your community.

I'm hoping, at the rapid rate we are vaccinating now, a return to a sense of normal is possible in 2021.

In concert with this is the growing concern over our mental health. The stress that this COVID situation is causing cannot be overlooked. If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed, please talk to someone and get some help. To one degree or another we are all feeling this right now and it is affecting how we react to other people and situations.

I've said this before and I'm sure I will say it again but please be patient with each other, be kind and be understanding. Together we can manage this.

Finally, please continue to adhere to the Provincial protocols and practices

Until next week, Stay safe, stay strong, and get vaccinated Flin Flon!