

Good afternoon everyone!

Just a quick update today around vaccinations as accessing them has become an issue for some.

A couple of quick clarifications that should help with this situation:

1. There will continue to be more pop clinics in Flin Flon go forward so unless you really feel you need it now, they are going to be available locally in the very near future.
2. Presently, even if you have been vaccinated, all the current rules still apply
3. Unfortunately, you can only register for the pop up dates through the call center not online.

The Northern Health Region will be offering additional COVID immunization clinics during the month of April in Flin Flon with April 9, 13 and 14 already confirmed. Once additional dates are confirmed by the Provincial Vaccine Planning Task Force, they will be posted on NRHA website www.northernhealthregion.ca and on the provincial website manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/clinics .

I'm pleased to say that so far these temporary vaccination sites have been a great success with the only frustration being around registering and getting a confirmed appointment. As more of the vaccines become available, you will see more and more pop ups happening locally. As well, the Astra Zeneca has been available through Pharmasave and as supplies are available will continue to be. You are getting a sense that the momentum has started to shift and we are picking up speed in the right direction.

With all these positive indicators, I want refer to an old adage of "patience being a virtue". Being patient and not getting frustrated or angry is so important during times like this . Is every rule fair for everyone? Is there a better way things could have been managed? We all have opinions on this but the bottom line is everyone is rowing in the same direction to reach herd immunity and put this pandemic behind us. Our region is probably one of the best to wait your turn in. Take a deep breath and relax while you continue to adhere to all the existing rules.

Believe me, it is working for us.

Enjoy your weekend and stay healthy & stay safe!

Mayor Cal Huntley.