

MEETING AOC 94-19-21

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6, 2021 COMMITTEE ROOM "A"/VIDEOCONFERENCE 7:00 P.M

AGENDA

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
- 4. Public Matters
 - a) COVID-19 Vaccination Briefing with the Hon. Julie Green, Minister of Health and Social Services and Officials
 - i. Moderna Vaccine Information Sheet
 - ii. Vaccine Rollout Strategy
- 5. In-Camera Matters
 - a) Follow-up Discussion
 - b) Confidential Correspondence from Hon. Caroline Cochrane, Premier 20-12-18
- 6. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday January 11, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
- 7. Adjournment

Immunity for our Communities NWT COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy

Dr. Kami Kandola January 6, 2021



NWT Vaccine Strategy

 Goal: To provide safe and efficacious COVID-19 vaccines to all eligible NWT residents in an effective and timely manner to reduce the overall impact of COVID-19.



Guiding Values

- Equity
- Cultural Competency
- Evidence-Based Decision Making
- Flexibility and Responsiveness



What do we know right now?

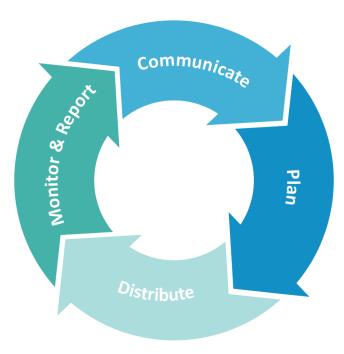
- Vaccine will be free of charge
- Initial vaccine will be the Moderna
 - mRNA vaccine
 - Highly efficacious
 - Two doses
- Enough vaccine for 75% of eligible population by March 2021
- Only recommended for certain populations





Key Components of the Strategy

- Communicate
- Plan
- Distribute
- Monitor and Report



Communicate



Objectives

Objective 1: Instill confidence in the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine, and empower NWT residents to make informed choices about getting vaccinated.

Objective 2: Provide timely, accurate, and relevant information to NWT residents on a regular basis.

- 1. Work with Indigenous Governments and Community leadership.
- 2. Provide information to residents that is accessible and understandable.
- Keep residents up to date on rollout and changes to evidence or recommendations.
- 4. Address vaccine hesitancy and barriers to vaccination.





Objectives

- Objective 3: Ensure vaccines are distributed in a timely, culturally respectful, and efficient manner while maintaining vaccine integrity.
- Objective 4: Prioritize those at risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19 and those at high risk of importing COVID-19 to the territory.

- 1. Build on existing partnerships with communities and governments
- 2. Building on existing vaccine delivery expertise
- 3. Recruit and train additional staff
- 4. Maintain the safety and security of residents, workers, and the vaccine product
- 5. Procurement and strategic positioning of resources

Prioritization (!)

Guiding Principles

- 1. Risk of severe disease from COVID-19.
- 2. Risk of importation of COVID-19.

Risk Factors

- 1. Advanced Age
- 2. Existing chronic disease and multiple medical conditions
- 3. Likelihood of transmitting to those at high risk of severe illness and death
- 4. Resident workers who live in NWT, but regularly work out-of-territory
- 5. Living in a remote community





Objective

Objective 5: Provide the COVID-19 vaccine to all eligible NWT residents in 2021.

- 1. Deploy mobile vaccine clinics to all communities in the NWT
- 2. Communities are locally engaged prior to mobile vaccine team arrival
- 3. Vaccines are delivered in an accessible, inclusive, and culturally respectful manner



Monitor and Report

Objective

Objective 6: Monitor vaccine safety, efficacy, and coverage to inform local and national decision-making.

- 1. Leverage existing territorial and national reporting systems
- Timely reporting on adverse events following immunization (AEFI) and vaccine administration

What happens next?

- Emerging Wisely
- Public Health Measures must continue



Current Status of Vaccine Roll-out

- 7,200 doses of Moderna vaccine
- Long-term care staff and residents
- Other priority groups
- Training
- Communications





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