Akausivik Inuit

Family Health Team

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Starting the New Year with Hope and Determination

Canada's Governor General Mary May Simon got her COVID-19 booster, at the **Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team** clinic in Ottawa and she is encouraging all Canadians to take advantage of the vaccines that are now being made available in 2022.

> *"We need to get these shots, especially the boosters and children's vaccines. This is such an important way to keep ourselves healthy, and to make sure that those around us, our elders and our children, are safe as well."*

Governor General Simon has a special message for Inuit, First Nations, and Metis Indigenous people.

"These vaccines are available at many places in the north, in other remote locations, and in city clinics as well. It is vital for the health of our communities that we take advantage of these clinics and that we also take a moment to thank all the people who are working such long hours to help us all."

See below for details on vaccines for children and boosters for adults that are currently available at the Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team.

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PEDIATRIC VACCINES AVAILABLE

The Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team is offering pediatric vaccines, for children 5-11 years old. Melissa Maclean brought in her two children, Nathan and Chloe.

"The service we've had here...has been incredible; the doctors, the staff...so welcoming...it's a great facility."

Tim Soucie from Pond Inlet brought in his two daughters, Seanna and Ulaajuk.

"Vaccines have been around for a very long time. They work and they are for the safety of our elders and for us."

For a chance to see some of the children and their parents during the distribution of the pediatric vaccines, please click the following link to our Akausivik YouTube channel.

https://youtu.be/6mp7T3m5m1Y

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Boosters

At the same time as the children's vaccines are being scheduled, adult clients of the Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team are being invited back for their third (or booster) shot of the COVID-19 vaccine. To be eligible for a booster vaccine, clients should check their calendar to make sure that it's been at least three months since they received their second vaccine.

If anyone has questions or wishes to book a vaccine for their children or an adult booster, please call the clinic at 613-740-0999.

A further reminder for clients, Akausivik vaccine receipts can be secured from the clinic, either by calling Akausivik at 613-740-0999, by coming in for a booster shot, and getting a new vaccine receipt at that time, or by visiting the clinic website www.aifht.ca .

Testing

Covid-19 Assessment and Testing needs, both PCR and molecular rapid, continue to be met at the Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team. Call 613-740-0999.

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