

# LITTLE RED RIVER CREE NATION

January 7th, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Vaccinations

To Nation Residents and Members.

 COVID-19 vaccines are coming to LRRCN soon, and will be administered as soon as they are here. Please see below for information on how this vaccine will be rolled out. Who gets these vaccines first has already been prioritized according to risk by NACI (National Advisory Committee on Immunization) and Alberta Health.

## Phase 1: January to March 2021

- Elders 65+ living on reserve
- Frontline Health Care Workers who have direct contact with patients on Reserve
- Adults living in Fox Lake as this is an isolated community
- We will then prioritize any extra phase 1 doses according to risk
- Things may change based on Vaccine Deliveries to LRRCN

## Phase 2: April to June 2021

- Alberta Health and ISC will work with First Nations to prioritize this phase
- It will likely be based on:
  - o People with high-risk medical conditions
  - o People living with others who have high risk conditions
  - o Age
  - o Other criteria

#### Phase 3: July 2021 and on

General population of Alberta

#### LRRCN will be getting Moderna vaccine to start

- We don't have an exact date when the vaccine will arrive
- In clinical trials it was found to be about 94% effective in preventing COVID-19
- At this time the vaccine is only approved for people 18 years old and older.
- People need 2 doses (21-28days apart)
  - Cannot substitute a different vaccine for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose
- Pregnant and Breastfeeding women must discuss risks and benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine with their Doctor first before being eligible for the vaccine.

More information on COVID-19 vaccination to follow.

Thank you,

LRRCN Emergency Management Team