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Public Notice - Expanded COVID Vaccination Access and Recommendations

As per recommendations received by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), COVID-19 vaccination access is being further expanded and all residents are encouraged to access their recommended COVID-19 vaccination dose as soon as they become eligible.

As it continues to be evident that booster doses increase protection against infection and severe disease, **it is now recommended that certain populations receive a fourth dose, as long as it is has been at least 6 months since their third dose.** This recommendation includes:

- Immunocompromised individuals aged 12 and older (see appendix for definition)
- Individuals aged 60 years and older who are living in long term care facilities or other congregate settings
- Individuals aged 70 years and older

It is also recommended that certain populations receive a third dose, as long as it has been at least 6 months since their third dose. This recommendation includes:

- immunocompromised persons ages 5 and older receive a 3rd booster dose of their vaccine series.

Novavax is now approved in Canada for individuals aged 18 and older who may have personal or medical reasons for being unable to access an mRNA Covid vaccine. The Novavax series consists of two doses given with an 8 week interval, but can be done a minimum of 21 days apart. 8 weeks is recommended to allow immunity to last longer. The NWT is awaiting supply of Novavax and will announce availability at a future time.

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be offered through the Hay River Public Health Office at the Náydi Kúé Building located at 13 Lepine Drive. If you have any questions, please speak with a Public Health staff member to determine vaccine eligibility.

To book an appointment please call Public Health at 874-8400.

Stay well, stay safe and let's all do our part to protect our community!

Thank you.