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Public Notice - Eligibility Expanded for COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

(Yellowknife, October 21, 2021) On direction of the Chief Public Health Officer, eligibility for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine is being expanded to additional age groups. The following groups are now eligible:

- Yellowknife aged 50 and older as of December 31st, 2021
- All other NWT communities: residents who are aged 40 and older as of December 31st, 2021

Booster doses increase immunity and are being offered on a voluntary basis, **after a minimum of six (6) months following a resident's second dose** of a COVID-19 vaccine. Please note booster doses and 3rd doses are different. A booster contains less vaccine product than a 3rd full dose. If you are immune-compromised you may be eligible for a 3rd dose instead of a booster so please tell your healthcare provider at your immunization appointment.

COVID-19 boosters can be received at the same time as the annual flu vaccine. Hay River Health and Social Services Authority will be offering flu vaccinations during a week long clinic by appointment only, please see details below:

When: October 25th – October 29th

Where: Hay River Regional Health Centre

Please call Public Health to book your appointment at 874-8400. Due to an increase in calls, you may be asked to leave a message - your call will be returned by a Public Health staff member within 48 hours.

First and second dose COVID-19 vaccinations are still available for all eligible persons. Those who are fully immunized (2 doses) still have strong protection against COVID-19, including the Delta variant.

We ask that all residents follow the public health guidelines regarding masking and socially distancing while attending your appointment.

Previous notices regarding 3rd dose and booster dose eligibility criteria:

- [October 17, 2021 - Third Doses Offered to Residents 60 and Over](#)
- [September 22, 2021 - Immunocompromised Third Dose Eligibility](#)