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Dear Community of Snow Lake,

The Town of Snow Lake has been approached by the Province of Manitoba and MKO regarding the Community Vaxport Program which aims provide an option of early access for northern communities to be immunized against COVID-19. At this time, it is unknown when Snow Lake will have a Covid-19 vaccine clinic established due to the limited number of vaccines available and the storage requirements of the current vaccine. This is an opportunity for you to receive your vaccine earlier than currently possible in Snow Lake. The Town of Snow Lake has been selected as one of the first northern communities to have residents attend Vaxport.

The vaccination is now available for people aged 18+.

The Vaxport Process is as follows:

- **The vaccination centre is not at the Thompson Regional Airport currently, and is being held at the Thompson Regional Community Centre. Tentative dates are March 10 and 12, 2021. If there are sufficient numbers of people interested, other dates will be looked at to accommodate people.**
- Flight or bus transportation will be coordinated on your community's behalf to ensure community members arrive as a group to Vaxport safely and in a timely manner. Vaxport will also provide safe travel guidelines. If you require an escort for the bus, please indicate so.
- There they will receive the Pfizer vaccine, complete the monitoring process, receive a boxed lunch and return home to the community.
- **All community residents have the option to drive themselves to Thompson on their scheduled date if they wish, BUT they must be notified beforehand of those who will drive for planning purposes. All persons driving to Thompson will be provided a time slot for their vaccine. It must be specified on your consent form if you wish to drive as people cannot just show up – you must have an appointment.**
- **People will be contacted by the scheduler at Vaxport when their appointment is, and what method of transportation is being used (plane or drive in).**
- Community members will also be scheduled for the required follow-up visit to receive a second dose of the vaccine. This will be scheduled within a 21-day timeframe from their initial shot.

Community members that are interested in receiving the vaccine through Vaxport and want COVID-19 vaccine factsheets and/or consent forms can pick up this information at the hospital or the Town Office.

Consent forms can be dropped of at the Town Office or hospital. CONSENT FORMS MUST BE IN BY MARCH 5, 2021 BY THE END OF THE BUSINESS DAY, OR THEY WILL NOT CONSIDER YOU FOR THIS PROGRAM.

Individuals who are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breastfeeding; immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment and/or have an autoimmune condition are to complete two consent forms, including the enhanced consent form.

For questions or concerns regarding the Vaxport process or you require more information, please contact the Municipal Relations Community Vaxport Coordinator, Bret Mack at 1-204-945-4988.

If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the Snow Lake Public Health Nurse, Amy Bradt at 204-358-3564.

Sincerely,

Vaxport, Town of Snow Lake & Snow Lake Public Health Unit