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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Re: COVID Vaccine Rollout for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To whom this may concern:

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Gambler Health Office was sent a memo informing us about Health Canada's plans on distributing the 2 dose Moderna COVID vaccine to all First Nations communities. At this time, there was not a date given on when it would be making it to the community, but that the Community Health Nurse would be given a call from the delivery company on when it was to be brought to Gambler.

Our 1 vial allotted to Gambler was delivered on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This number of vials was based on community demographic information pertaining to age groups, 1 vial has enough vaccine to allow for 10-11 persons to be vaccinated. The criteria we needed to follow was from Health Canada which was to start with 70 and older members who resided in Gambler. We are a very small community and at this point with the vaccine being very new we had 1 member who wanted the vaccine and who fit the criteria for this age group. For this reason, our community health nurse was given the direction to then go down to the next age groups of people who were interested in receiving the vaccine; 65-70, 60-65, 55-60, etc.

Our first clinic was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Gambler Health Office, with a total of 11 members at the clinic, very successful day.

The second dose for the initial 11 members (1 vial) was delivered to Gambler on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with the second clinic being held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

We here at the Gambler Health Office have been working hard on getting information out to the community about the vaccine and we are very happy with the turn out we had during our COVID vaccine clinics.

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