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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Re: COVID Vaccine Rollout

To whom this may concern,

Gambler has been under strife concerning the COVID vaccine and non-residential members. I would like to reach out to everyone and explain the situation with the vaccine. Our Community Health Nurse and the staff at the Health Office take all safety measures/restrictions set out by the province seriously and have followed these since March of 2020, and will continue following all measures until deemed otherwise, by the province.

The situation goes the same with the 2 dose Moderna vaccine. We follow with what Health Canada decides goes for the vaccine, the first was the beginning of the year in January. It will also be the same for the second delivery of vaccine when it comes to the community. This is to be done by the end of April and proper arrangements will be made with the community once it has arrived.

On April 6th, 2021, a memo was faxed to us at the Health Office from Health Directors of INAC stating the criteria we need to follow with this next shipment. The age criteria have changed, as those elderly and older age group members who wanted the vaccine were given the vaccine. It is now open to:

- 18 years and up
- essential workers entering the community, both status and non status
- to non-residential members, if the community is in agreeance with this

In Gambler we have had 0 cases to date and the province is still in the code red level. As of now and until code levels change, we are not open to visitors entering the community, which means we will not be open to visitors coming for a COVID vaccine from other communities here at the Health Office.

Supersites are open in many communities and I am recommending any membership living off reserve, please check with provincial eligibility criteria and once you are eligible, call the provincial vaccine booking number: 1844-626-8222 or book online.

We understand the concern for your health and safety against COVID, however, there is no need for threats and anger to be pointed at our community, Chief and Council, or the community health nurse. We are following the criteria set out in-regards to this vaccine.

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