



# Medical Health Officer COVID-19 Update

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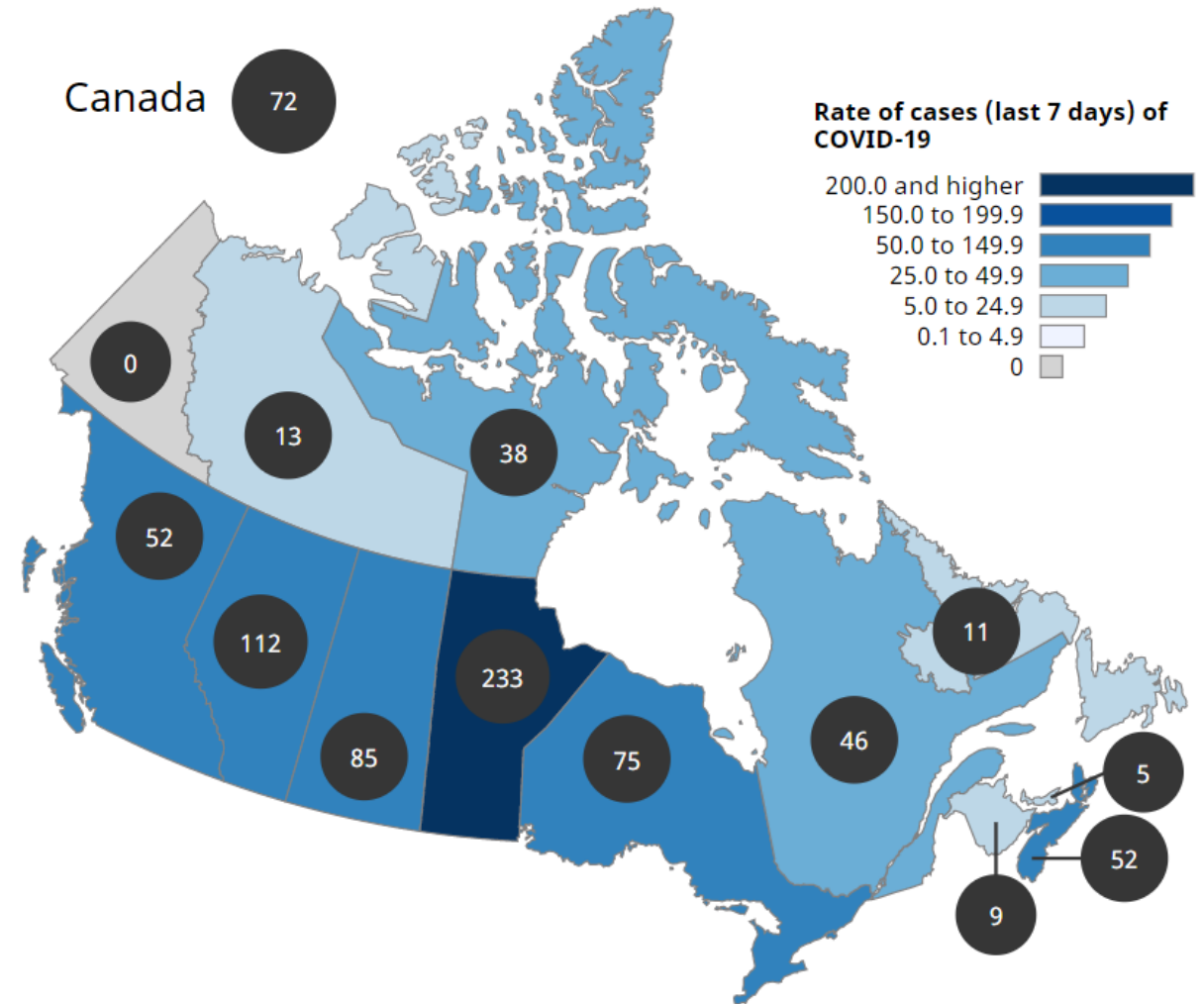


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## COVID-19 Cases (As of May 24)

- SK has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest rate of cases (last 7 days)
- Situated between two provinces with the highest (MB) and 2nd highest (AB) rates
- Variants of Concern are now dominant in SK
- SK observing an increase in variants, including P.1 and B.1.617.



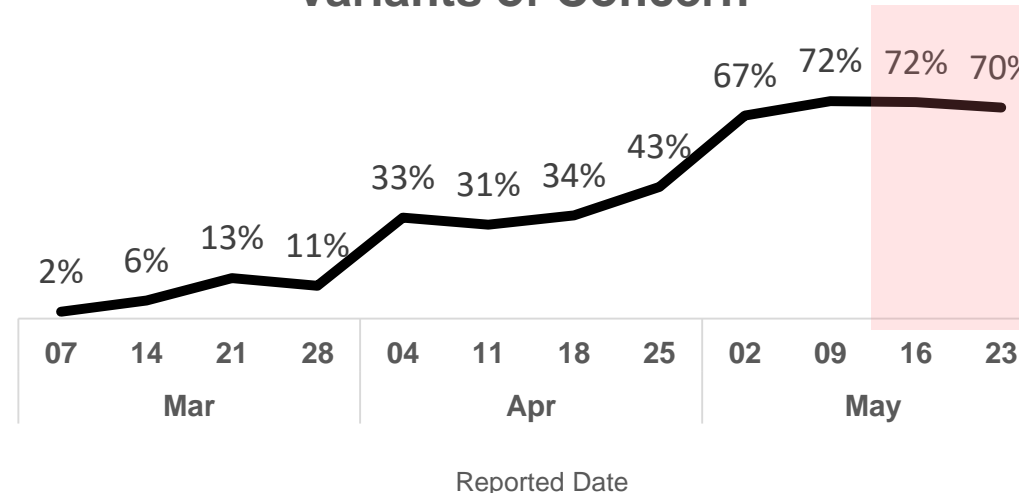


# COVID-19 cases in SK First Nation Communities

## COVID-19 Cases (As of May 25)

- 7056 COVID-19 cases
- 148 active (2.1%)
  - Among active cases, 108 VOC (73%)
- 6846 recovered (97%)
- 62 deceased (0.9%)
- Total of 455 VOC
  - Includes VOC identified by screening only (i.e. SNP assay)

Proportion of total weekly cases that were Variants of Concern



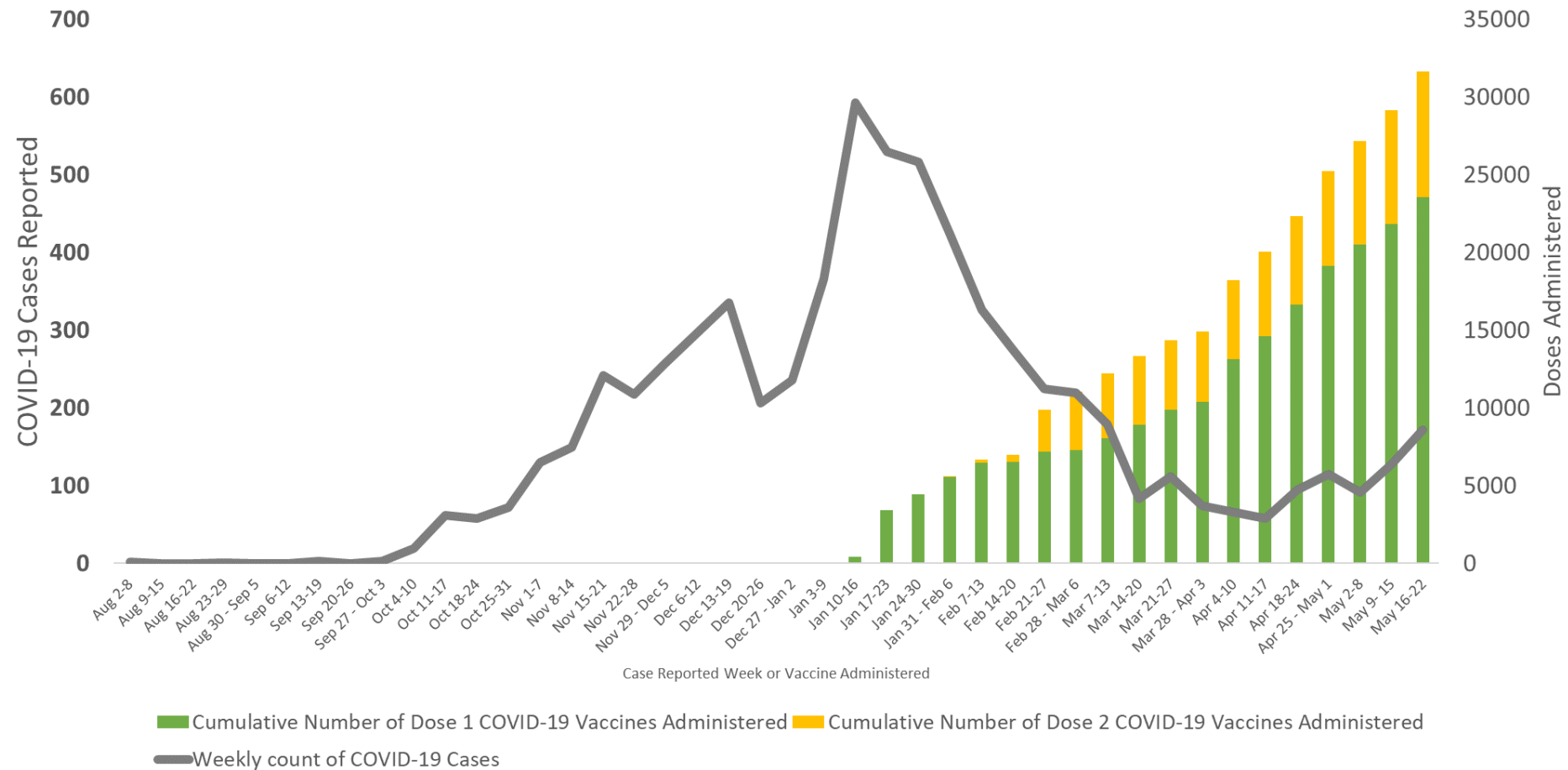
\*Data is as of May 25. VOC by screening (i.e. SNP assays). Considered preliminary and expected to increase as specimens continue to reach the provincial lab for SNP testing.

# COVID-19 Vaccine and COVID-19 cases in SK First Nation Communities

Last updated:  
May 25, 2021



Number of COVID-19 cases and vaccine doses administered in SK First Nations communities by week



\*Data is as of May 25.

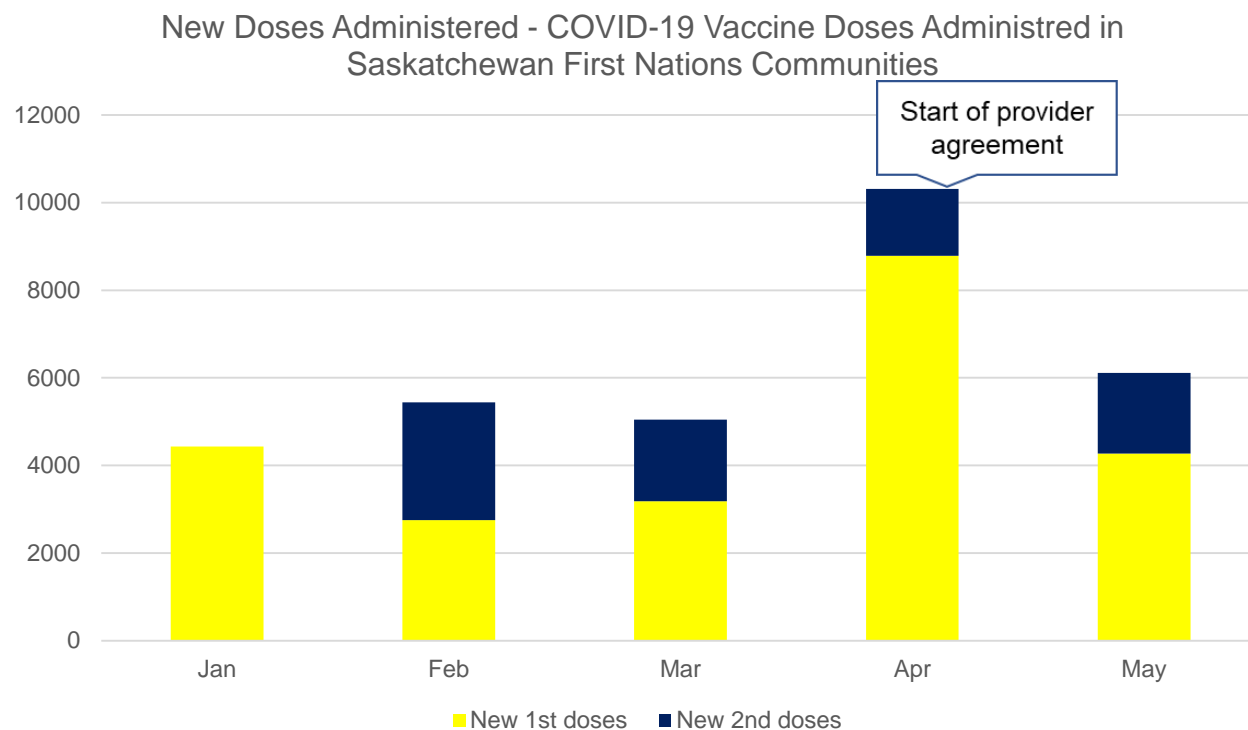


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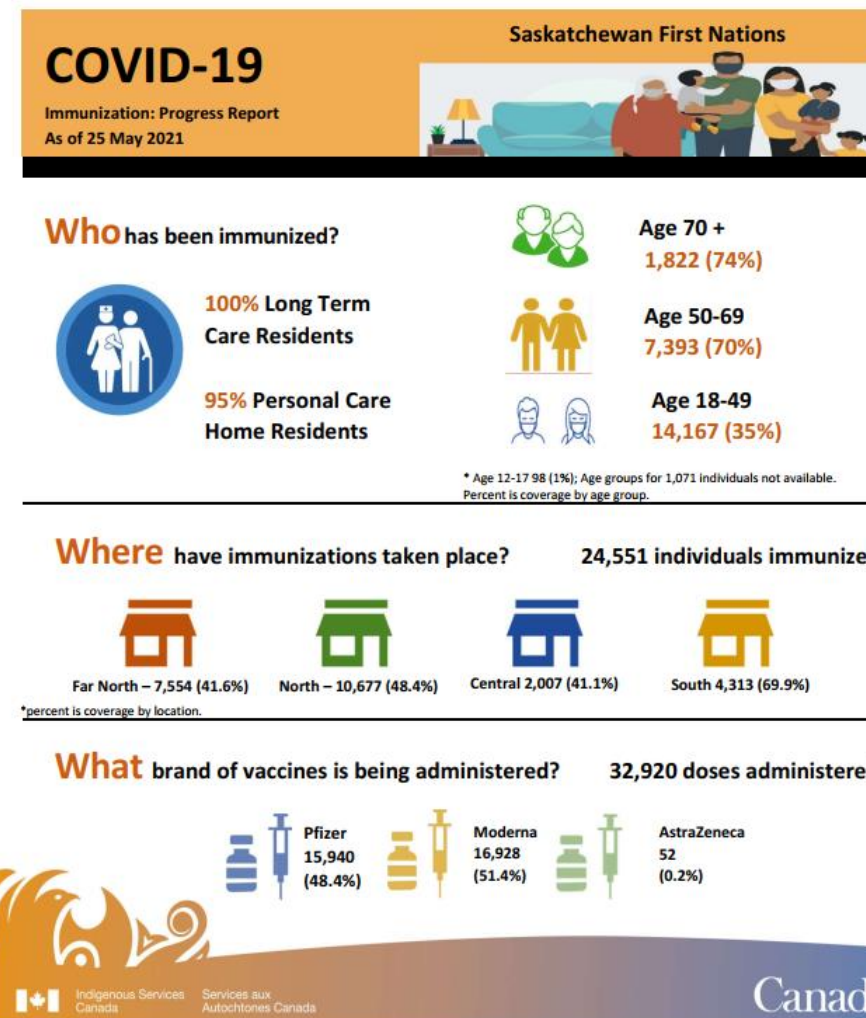
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# Roll-out is strong, but further push needed on first doses



**32,920** doses administered  
(as of May 24, 2021)



# Re-Opening Roadmap

A three-step plan to gradually lift the current public health orders as Saskatchewan reaches significant vaccination levels.

## STEP 1

Three weeks after 70% of people 40+ have received their first dose, and vaccine eligibility is 18+

40 AND OLDER

TARGET  
70%  
VACCINATED

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum six at a table
- 30% capacity or 150 people (whichever is less) at places of worship
- Group fitness classes can resume, with three metres between participants
- Limit of 10 people at private indoor, outdoor and household gatherings
- Limit 30 people at public indoor gatherings
- Limit 150 people at public outdoor gatherings

## STEP 2

Three weeks after 70% of people 30+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 1

30 AND OLDER

TARGET  
70%  
VACCINATED

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain physical distancing
- No table capacity for restaurants and bars, must maintain physical distancing or barriers between tables
- 150 person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, libraries and recreational facilities
- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings and household gatherings
- Remaining restrictions on youth & adult sports will be lifted

## STEP 3

Three weeks after 70% of people 18+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 2

18 AND OLDER

TARGET  
70%  
VACCINATED

- Most remaining restrictions will be lifted
- Guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking is still being developed
- Public health orders from Step Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized

### Expected Timeline

- STEP 1 Last week in May
- STEP 2 Third week in June
- STEP 3 Second week in July

\*Subject to change if vaccination targets are not met

# Step 1 restrictions scheduled to begin May 30, 2021.

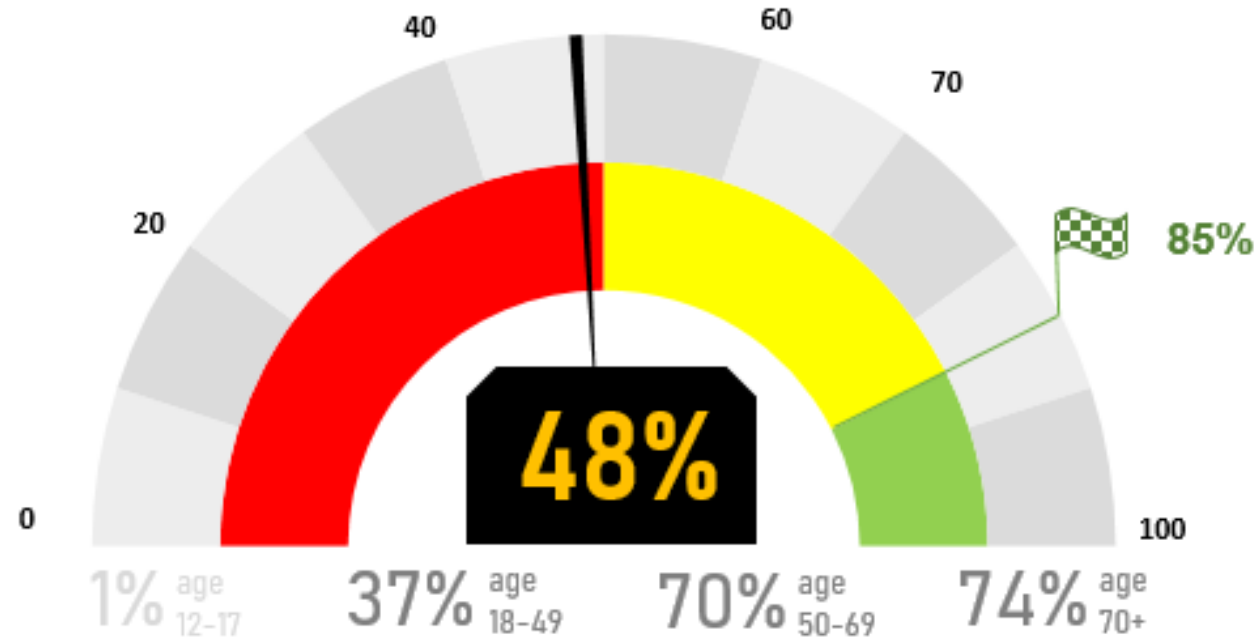
- Medical Health Officers recommend **85%** of the given adult population be vaccinated in First Nations when these steps take effect.
- It is critical that First Nations communities keep pace with provincial re-opening targets to ensure re-opening doesn't put First Nations communities at risk.
- Current comparison of First Nations vaccination vs provincial progress:

Step 1. Age 40+	64% (SK 76%)
Step 2. Age 30+	55% (SK 70%)
Step 3. Age 18+	48% (SK 62%)

# COVID-19 Vaccines in First Nations in Saskatchewan



Community Immunity Tracker



Vaccine coverage in 18-49 = 37%

Active cases Age 18-49  
= 48% of all active cases



**GOAL: 85% for community immunity**

Community immunity hits the brakes on COVID-19 spread so we can see each other again safely.

# Urban Clinics forging new partnerships for health:



## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Urban Indigenous citizens who are living in the city of Regina

SHA is continuing to partner with Regina Treaty Status Indian Services (RTSIS), MN-S, and Wellness Wheel working collaboratively with our First Nation and Métis partners to host vaccine clinics in our community

Vaccines will be available by appointment only

Age Eligibility based on government plan-Subject to change

May 10—residents 29 +

May 12—residents 26+

May 14—residents 23+

May 16—residents 20+

May 18—residents—16+

To book your appointment please call 306-766-3780

If you have text only ability—please text 306-531-7291


We highly encourage all citizens to get the vaccine. If you need additional information we encourage you to visit

Saskatchewan.ca for more COVID-19 information



[saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19)

May 10—Date of Poster Revision



**Yorkton Tribal Council**  
in partnership with  
**Saskatchewan Health Authority**

**COVID-19  
VACCINATION CLINIC**  
Friday, May 21st, 2021

**Open to off reserve First Nation residents  
of Yorkton  
Ages 12+**

To book an appointment  
call  
(306) 641-6737  
or  
(306) 620-8395

**HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM COVID-19**  
In the event deliveries are delayed, the eligibility may be revised

Vaccinations are being delivered according to Saskatchewan Health Authority vaccination eligibility guidelines. All information provided will be handled in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA).



**Culturally appropriate.  
Elder and cultural supports on location.  
Everyone is welcome.**

Free in-town transportation is available upon request

**North Battleford**  
*Dekker Centre, 623 Carlton Trail*  
Vaccination site hours: Monday to Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM  
Call to book your vaccination appointment: 1-883-330-BATC (2282) 1-833-727-5829 (SHA)

**Prince Albert**  
*Senator Allen Bird Memorial Centre, Chief Joseph Custer Reserve #201*  
Vaccination site hours: By appointment only  
Call to book your vaccination appointment: 306-953-7285 (PAGC) or 1-833-727-5829 (SHA)

**Saskatoon**  
*SaskTel Centre, 3515 Thatcher Avenue*  
Vaccination site hours: Monday to Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM  
Call to book your vaccination appointment: 1-833-653-0002 or 1-833-727-5829 (SHA)  
Book online at: [www.sktc.sk.ca](http://www.sktc.sk.ca)

**FREE masks and sanitization kits available at all locations.**

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