

Public Service Announcement

National Immunization Awareness Month: COVID-19 Vaccine is your best protection

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August is National Immunization Awareness Month in Canada. Each year, this month brings attention to the fact that vaccines have saved millions of lives. This year, as Canada and Nunavut continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to recognize that vaccines are safe, effective and, for many illnesses including COVID-19, the best protection against severe disease.

All eligible Nunavummiut are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, vaccine clinics are underway across the territory for anyone aged 12 or older. If you missed a clinic, there is still time. Call your local health centre to book an appointment. In Iqaluit, Iqaluit Public Health is offering walk-in vaccine clinics for Moderna (18 years old or over) Monday to Friday, and Pfizer (12 to 17 years old) on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Here are some ways to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses:

- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- Wash your hands often.
- Stay home when you feel sick.
- Don't share smokes, vapes or utensils.
- Clean surfaces regularly.

While the world has focused on COVID-19, it is still important to make sure all your vaccinations are up to date. Talk to your health centre to ensure you are fully protected against vaccine-preventable diseases.

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