

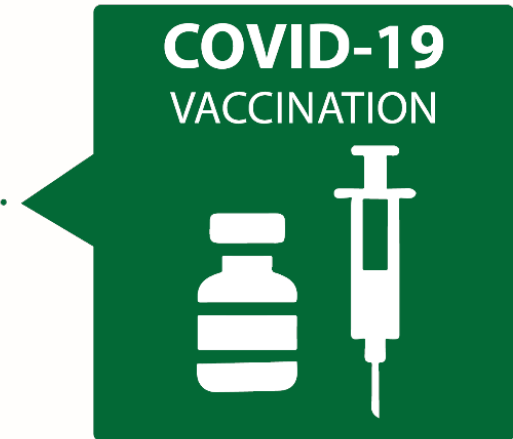
# Pediatric COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan

November 22, 2021

# Pediatric Campaign Goal

Through the Pediatric COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan, Saskatchewan's children 5-11 yrs will be immunized with COVID-19 vaccines in a safe, supportive and efficient manner.

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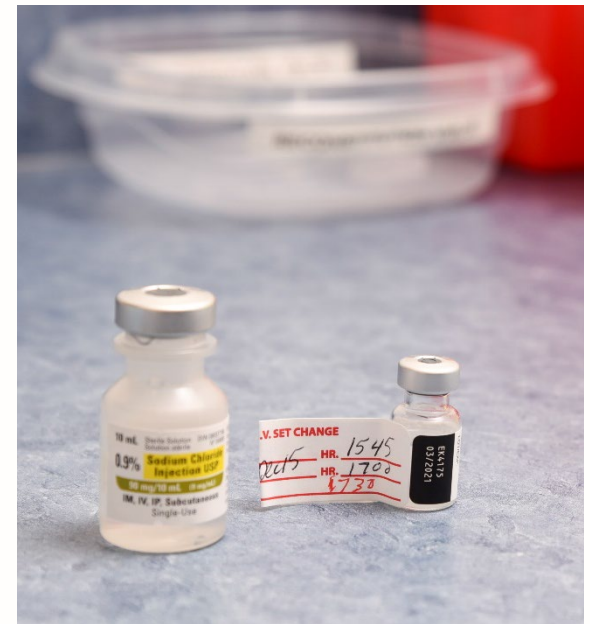


# COVID-19 Immunization Campaign Goals

- To minimize serious illness and death from COVID-19.
- Protect those most vulnerable.
- To protect the capacity of the health care system.
- To minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- Immunize as many people, as quickly as possible; safely.

# Safety and Efficacy

- Clinical trials indicate that the Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective (90.7% efficacy)
- Expected vaccine side effects are well tolerated and resolved in 1-2 days.
  - soreness at the injection site
  - Fatigue
  - Headache
  - muscle pain
  - chills
- Approved by Health Canada.



# Pediatric Delivery

- The PfizerBioNTech pediatric vaccine (5-11 years old) is a different formulation and dosage, compared with what is used for individuals 12+.

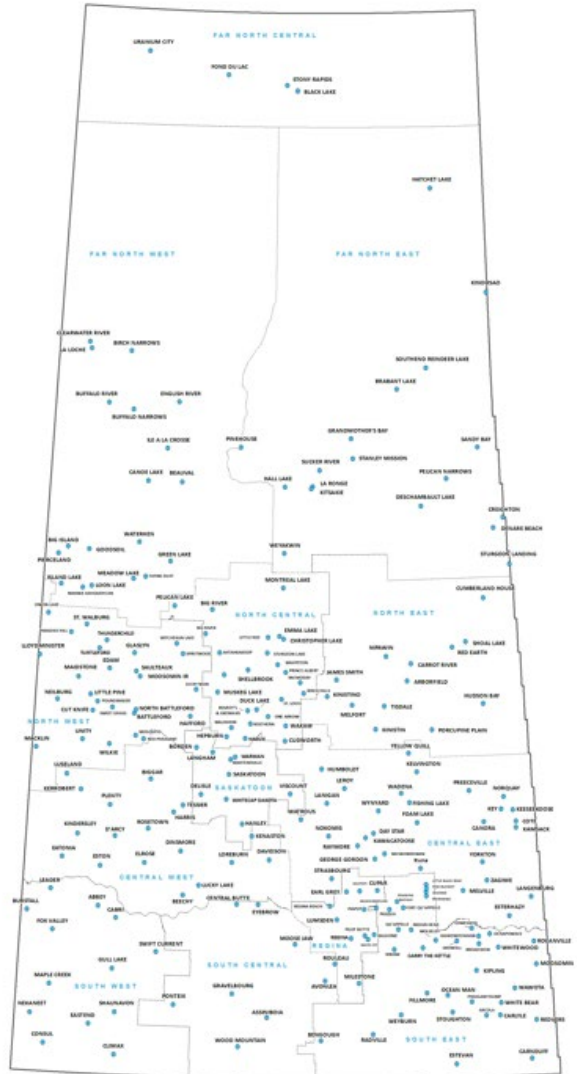
|                                  | Vaccine for<br>12+ yrs                     | Vaccine for<br>5-11 yrs                      |
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| Storage                          | Can stay thawed in the fridge for 4 weeks. | Can stay thawed in the fridge for 10 weeks.* |
| Dosage                           | 0.3 ml                                     | 0.2 ml                                       |
| Time between dose #1 and dose #2 | 21 days                                    | Minimum 21 days<br>8 weeks recommended       |

\* Due to the use of a new stabilizer (Tris/Sucrose)

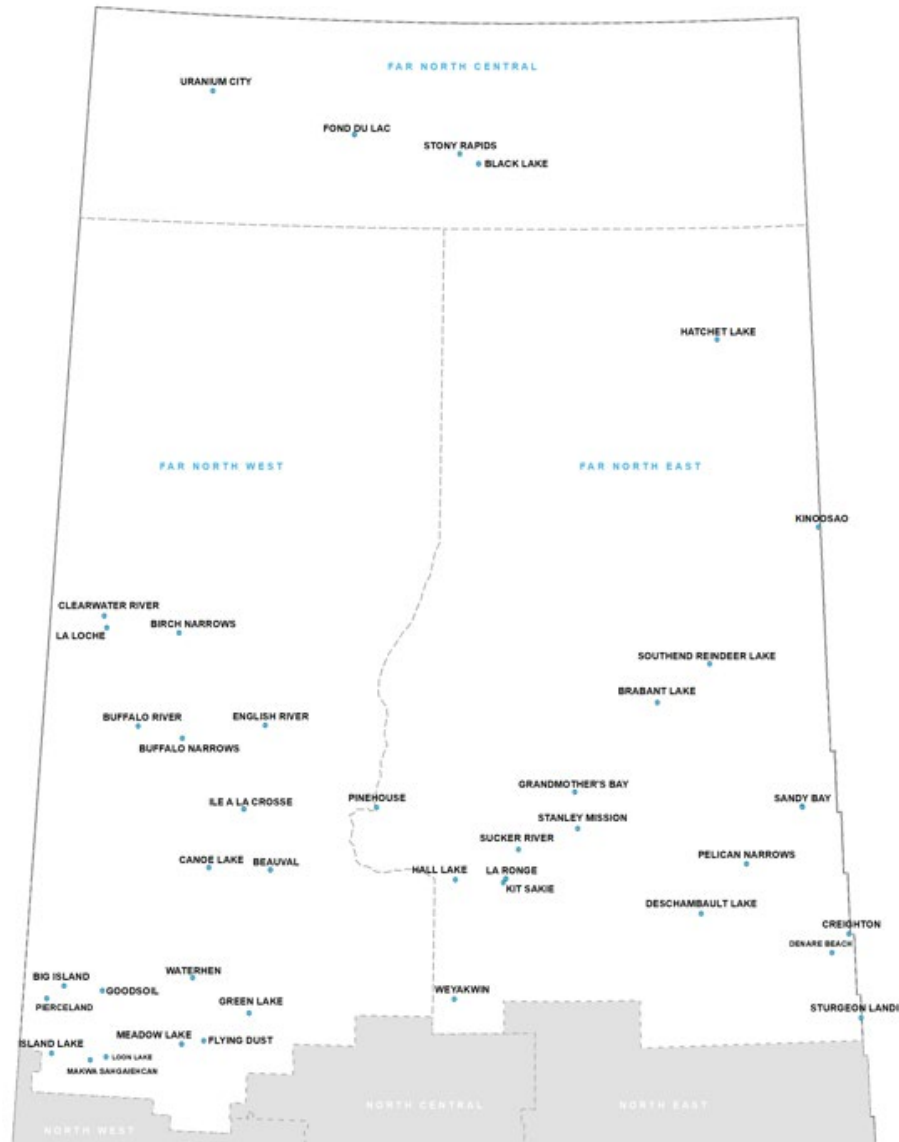
# Pediatric Delivery

- Saskatchewan is receiving 112,000 pediatric vaccine doses.
  - Will have enough vaccine to provide coverage of first doses to all 5 to 11 year olds who want it.
- Wide-ranging access: vaccines will be offered to children across the province by providers with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA), community pharmacies and some family physicians.
- We anticipate pediatric vaccines to begin arriving at clinics in Saskatchewan in 24 to 48 hours after receiving the shipment from the federal government.
- The SHA website and social media channels will communicate exact start dates and times.

# Pediatric Vaccine Access

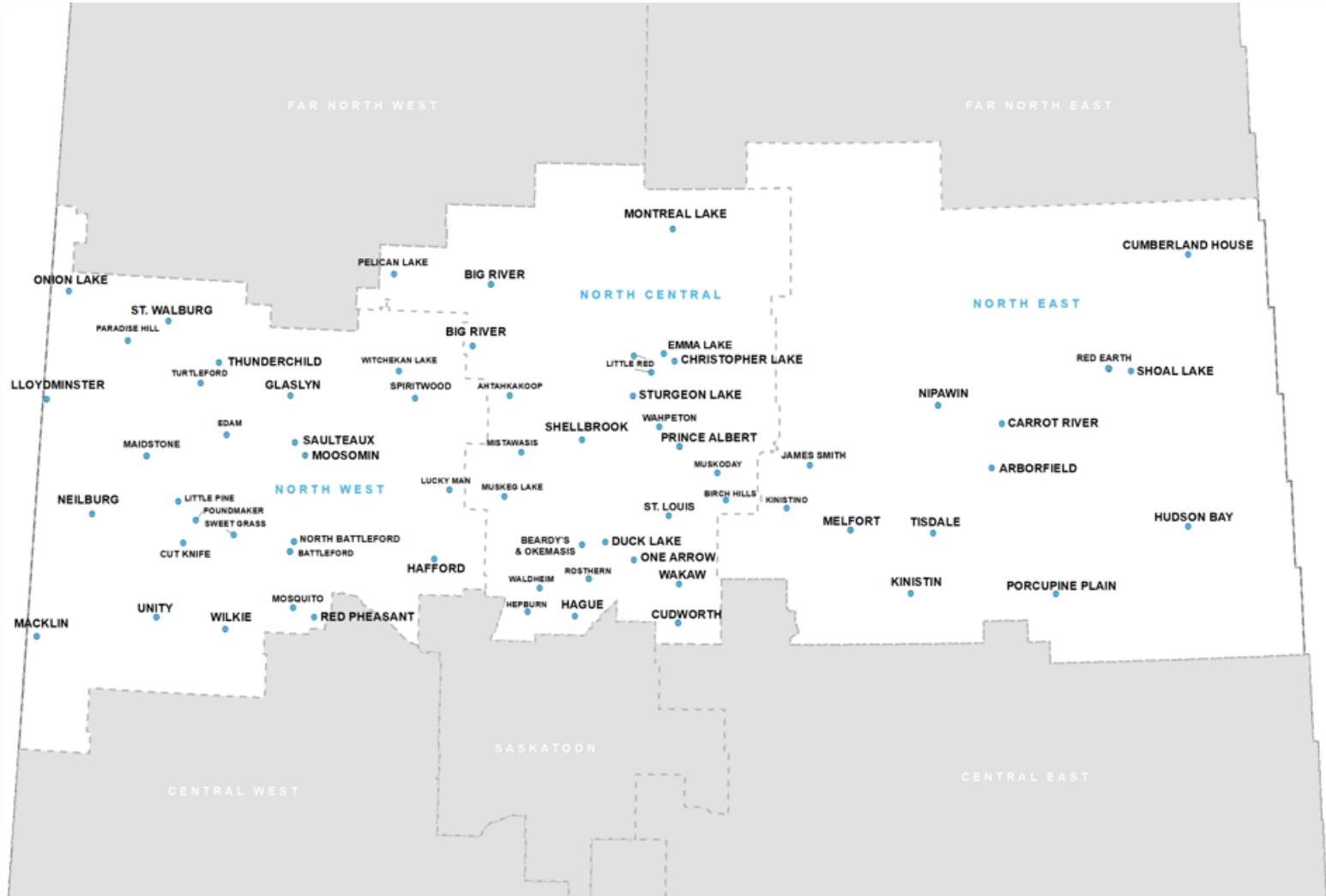


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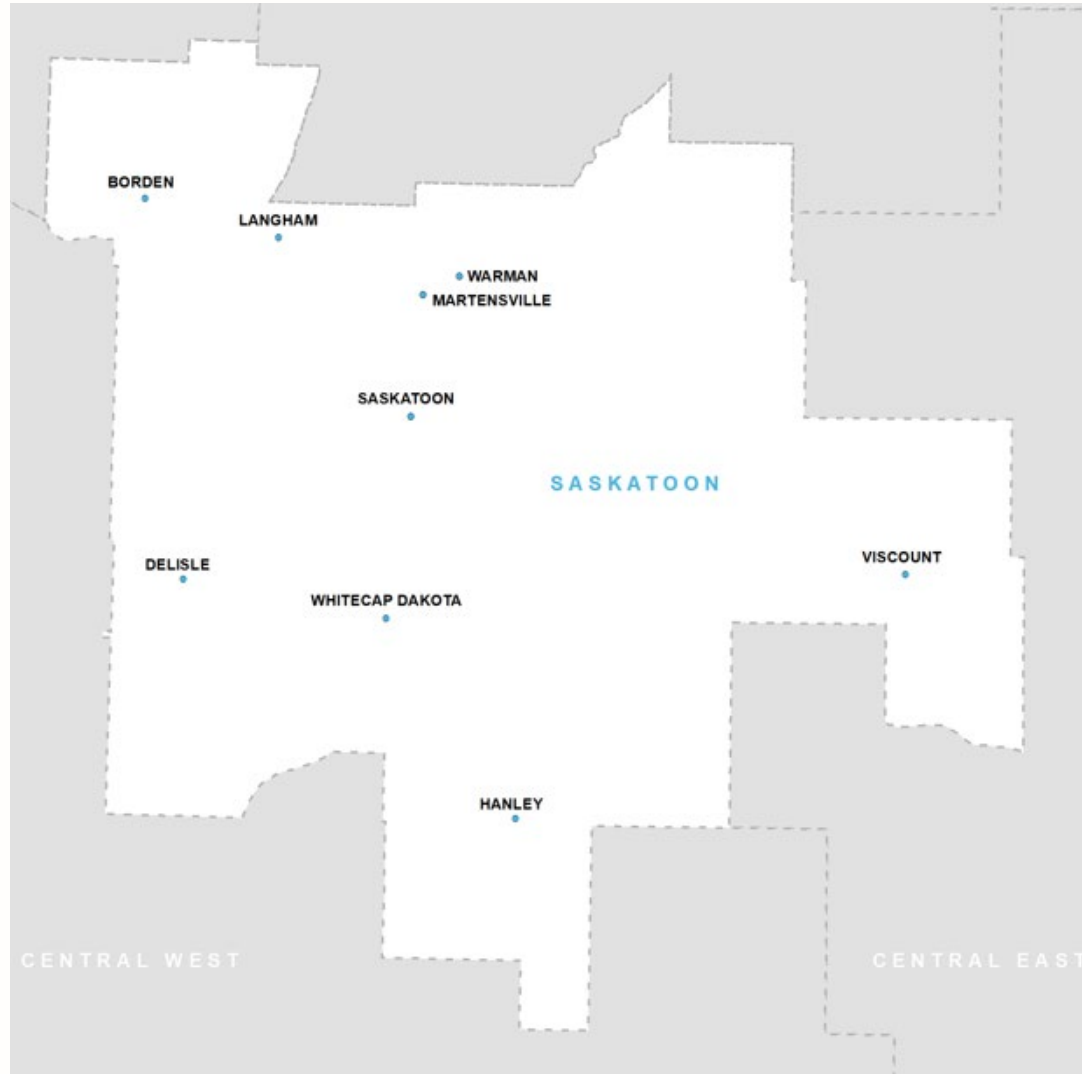


# Pediatric Vaccine Access - North

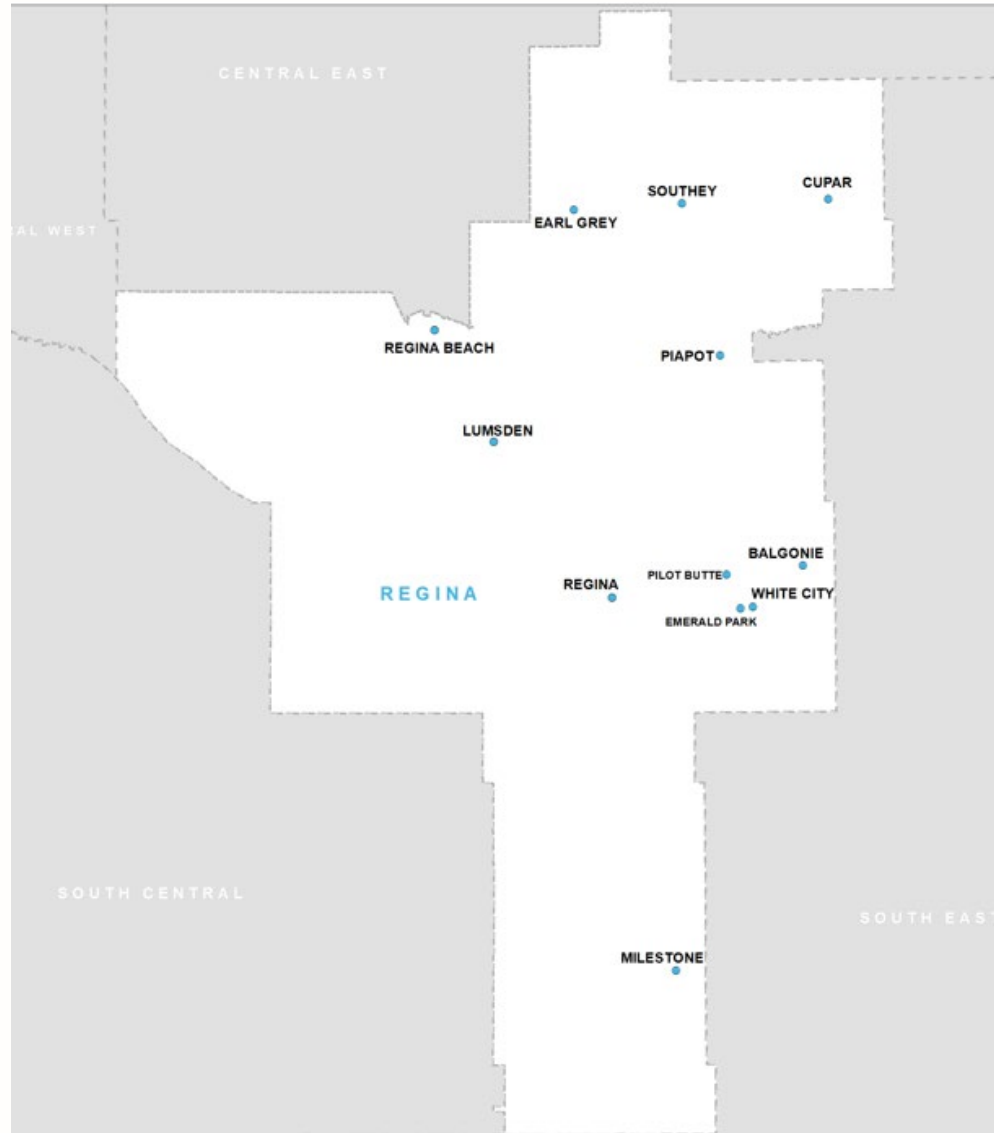




# Pediatric Vaccine Access - Saskatoon



# Pediatric Vaccine Access - Regina



# SHA Clinics Province-Wide

- Summary of SHA locations by area as of November 16<sup>th</sup> – *subject to change*.

| Area         | # of Clinics | # of Communities |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Saskatoon    | 26           | 7                |
| North East   | 34           | 29               |
| North West   | 31           | 23               |
| South West   | 57           | 37               |
| South East   | 53           | 38               |
| Regina       | 20           | 7                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>221</b>   | <b>141</b>       |

# Delivery - SHA

- Initially the SHA will focus on clinics that can accommodate large number of patients and offer extended, weekends hours.
- The SHA will shift to providing a more targeted approach as immunization continues.
- To address any vaccine concerns among children and parents, parent/guardian support will be part of delivery and age appropriate attractions will be considered.

# Family-Friendly Clinics

- A variety of clinic options are available where children live, learn and play.
  - Walk-in family clinics with extended hours
  - School-based clinics, either in, or near the school
  - Group appointments for siblings by calling 1-833-Sask-VAX (1-833-727-5829)
  - Online booking for single appointments, plus walk-in options
  - Participating pharmacies
  - Specialized clinics for kids with extra needs (ex. Autism, those in hospital)

Parents can be immunized at the same time as their kids. Flu shots also available at the same appointment.

# Delivery – Schools

- The SHA has engaged school divisions at the local level to implement school-based clinics.
- As of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 110+ schools have been identified for clinics with the potential for additional clinics to be confirmed.
  - Clinics may occur in, or near schools. In some cases, a single school may offer a clinic open to neighbouring schools.
  - Generally, these clinics will operate outside of traditional school hours.



# Delivery – Pharmacies

- The Ministry has engaged Saskatchewan community pharmacies on their planned participation and capacity to administer the pediatric Pfizer vaccine.
  - To date 236 pharmacies have confirmed their participation.

# Delivery - NITHA

- NITHA will immunize children in 33 on-reserve communities through clinics in various locations.
  - Community, family-focused clinics (various locations) will be provided through appointments and walk-ins.
  - School-based, Mobile and other options will be considered as the roll-out advances based on needs of particular communities and children.

# Delivery – ISC

- Indigenous Services Canada will immunize children at health centres and other facilities in 49 communities.
  - Community, family-based clinics (various locations) provided through appointments and walk-ins.
  - Vaccine available to adults in children in most clinics.
  - Mobile and other clinics will be considered as the roll-out advances based on needs of particular communities and children.

# ISC & NITHA – Vaccine Encouragement

- ISC and NITHA have been meeting since August 2021 with Health and Education Directors, Public Health staff to create plans and messaging for parents, teachers and students.
- Currently sending out weekly messages to health and education staff that answer common questions to promote conversation around vaccine and accurate information.

# ISC & NITHA – Culturally Appropriate Clinics

- Vaccine clinics will be held in a culturally appropriate and sensitive manner shaped by communities. Examples include:
  - First Nation Communities may include Elders available for support;
  - Interpreters for local language;
  - Translated vaccine information; and,
  - Communities have had vaccines smudged prior to distribution.

# Resources for Parents

- Vaccine information and after-care fact sheets from [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca)
- Saskatchewan Health Authority facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- National ad campaign available in multiple languages: <https://thisisourshot.ca/>
- Max the Vax
- Virtual Parent Town Halls offered in select locations
- Sesame Street resources



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