Métis Nation of Ontario
ALL-CITIZEN TOWN HALL
January 21, 2021
Vaccine development

**Phase I**
- Is the vaccine safe?
- What is a safe dose?
- Are there any side effects?

**Phase II**
- How well does the vaccine work?
- Is it safe on a larger number of people?
- Safest and most effective dose?

**Phase III**
- Does the vaccine prevent disease?
- What are the side effects?

**Exploratory** ➔ **Preclinical** ➔ **Clinical Trials** ➔ **Application**

Source: Indigenous Services of Canada
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF VACCINES

Source: Indigenous Services of Canada

Teams of Health Canada experts conduct a thorough and independent review of all vaccine data *

Health Canada approves a vaccine if it is safe, it works, it meets manufacturing standards, and the benefits outweigh the risks

Governments coordinate the purchase, logistics and distribution of vaccines across Canada

All Canadians have access to the vaccine

Continuous monitoring and review to confirm the safety of the vaccine, and that benefits outweigh risks

Scientific Review → Approval → Distribution → Vaccination → Ongoing Monitoring and Review

* For COVID-19 vaccines, Health Canada is using a fast-tracked process that allows manufacturers to submit data as it becomes available, and for Health Canada experts to start the review process right away. Vaccines will only be authorized once we have all necessary evidence.
If you want to explore more information, here are some reliable sources where additional information can be found on COVID-19 vaccines:

- canada.ca/COVID-19
- canada.ca/coronavirus-info-indigenous

You can also find links to the Ontario’s Ministry of Health fact sheets about the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine availability at MNO website here:

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION: PHASED PRIORITIZATION

- Vaccination rollout phases will be continuous and overlapping – Phase 2 vaccinations likely to begin while Phase 1 is still ongoing (e.g., vaccination of adults >80 may begin in parallel or before low-risk health care worker vaccination).
- Vaccination schedules are intended to be flexible and responsive to ongoing needs, vaccine logistics and risk factors.
- Ontario is ready to receive vaccines whenever they are available, and will shift to Phase 2 priority populations as soon as there are sufficient vaccines provided by the Federal government.

**VACCINES ARRIVE**

**PHASE 1**
- **FIRST VACCINES ARRIVE**
  - Staff and essential caregivers in LTCHs and high-risk Retirement Homes (RH).
- **PHASE 1**
  - Residents, staff, essential caregivers, and other employees of congregate living settings that provide care for seniors.
  - Health care workers.
  - Adults in First Nations, Metis and Inuit populations.
  - Adult chronic home-care recipients.

**PHASE 2**
- Older adults, beginning with those >80 years old and decreasing in 5-year increments over the course of vaccine roll-out.
- Those living and working in other high-risk congregate settings.
- Essential Workers, beginning with frontline essential workers.
- Individuals with high-risk chronic conditions, and their caregivers.
- Other populations and communities facing barriers related to the determinants of health across Ontario who are at greater COVID-19 risk (e.g., Black and other racialized populations).

**Planes**
- **2 initial locations**
  - Ramp up to 19 locations
- **Specialized vaccination centres (LTCH/RH)**
- Mobile vaccination sites
- Mass vaccination sites
- **Mass vaccination sites**
  - Hospitals
  - Mobile vaccination sites
  - Pharmacies
  - Clinics
- **Primary care**
  - Strategic in-community locations (CHC/AHAC)
What is your highest level of completed education?

- Primary/elementary school or less
- Secondary/high school
Christmas goody bags for children ready for pick-up at the Temiskaming Métis Community Council office
Moon River Métis Council drive thru Turkey Dinner
Oshawa and Durham Region Métis Council delivers Christmas bags to Seniors
Windsor Essex Kent Métis Council
Christmas gifts for community
Georgian Bay Métis Council partners with Fer-Mar Farms for community potatoe give-away
Thames Bluewater Métis Council distributed holiday hampers of food and more to local Métis Citizens and families.
COVID-19 SUPPORT

Email: covidhelp@metisnation.org
Toll Free: 1-800-263-4889
PHASE 2 COVID FUNDING

Families who accessed the **MNO Emergency Income Relief Benefit** of $750 in 2020 are eligible to receive an additional $2,000 without needing to provide any additional documentation.

Child-related supports now extend to include children 13 - 18 yrs:
- **Emergency Family Fund**
- **Technology Fund**
- **Food Security for Children**

**MNO Food Security & Household Necessity Fund for Adults and Seniors**
- Support available to all MNO citizen’s 18+ to help with additional household costs during the pandemic.
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| MNO Food Security and Household Necessity Fund for Adults | • MNO citizens between the ages of 19-60 can receive $600.00/citizen, up to a maximum of $2400.00/family.  
  • Provides assistance to purchase food and other necessities. |
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| **MNO Technology Fund**                     | • MNO Citizens with children aged 0-18 can receive $500.00/child, up to a maximum of $2000.00/family.  
  • Provides assistance in purchasing technology for their children to support learning at home. |
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| **MNO Food Security and Household Necessity Fund for Seniors** | • MNO citizens over the age of 60 can receive $750.00/citizen, up to a maximum of $1500.00/family  
  • Provides assistance to purchase food and other necessities |
| **Benevolent Fund**                          | • This fund is intended to provide financial support to Métis families who have experienced a loss in their family since March 15, 2020. |
UPDATE

ELCC COVID-19 SUPPORT

SURPRISE TOY DRIVE CHRISTMAS
Shipped to 780 children

COVID CARE KITS
Shipped to 172 kits to Citizens

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS
Shipped to 990 students

COVID EARLY LEARNING AT HOME KITS
Shipped to 484 Families
UPDATE
ELCC COVID-19 SUPPORT

Enhanced Extra Curricular Support Program - 95 families supported to date
• Launched January 2021. Provides $2000/year for children 0-18 years to help cover extra curricular expenses (i.e. sports, camps, safety classes, STEM programing, music and art programs) and equipment to support those programs.

Child Care Subsidy Program - 76 approved, 25 new app since Jan 11
• Updated January 2021 and will cover 100% of an approved family's child care expenses until March 31, 2022. For children 0-12 who attend licensed care or approved unlicensed care.

COVID Child Care Support Program - 115 families supported
• Alternate solution to families who require alternative child care arrangements outside of the Child Care Subsidy Program during the COVID pandemic.
UPDATE
PSE COVID SUPPORT

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT SUPPORT FUND
355 students supported

In 2020-21, $905,000 in additional COVID-19 support funds were provided to students in addition to their MNO PSE Student Funding Support.

Applications for 2021-22 become available on February, 17, 2021

CONTACT:
psesupport@metisnation.org
COMING SOON

EDUCATION COVID SUPPORT PROGRAM

MNO K-12 Education Support Fund
Open late January - March 1, 2021

• For MNO citizens with children attending K-12 education.
• Provides $500 per child for 2020-2021 school year to support purchase of educational supports and materials directly related to the child’s education (counselling, tutoring, technology support, school supplies, etc.).
• Limited to one payment per child.

CONTACT:
K12educationsupport@metisnation.org
COVID-19 HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Supports:
- Eviction prevention supports, including payment of COVID-19 related rental & utility arrears
- First/last month’s rent for those exiting homelessness
- Basic needs provisions, including access to vouchers for food, hygiene supplies
- Referrals to appropriate community resources and supports

Criteria:
- Métis Citizens, self-identifying Métis, First Nations and Inuit
- Homeless, at immediate risk of becoming homeless or precariously housed

Contact:
housingstabilization@metisnation.org or 1-800-263-4889 Ext. 350
NEW!

COVID-19 SUPPORTS FOR SENIORS

The program offers two components Seniors can access:

- **Tablet for Seniors** - seniors will receive a tablet to help connect with family via online tools and resources
- **Snow Removal** - assistance with snow removal from their driveways and/or sidewalks for the 2021 winter season

**Contact:**
housingprograms@metisnation.org
NEW!

COVID-19 RENT ALLOWANCE

Support low-to-moderate income self-identifying Indigenous tenants who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- One-time benefit up to $500/month for 3 months to max of $1,500
- Limited to one per household and is one time only
- MNO will pay the landlord directly through Electronic Funds Transfer

Contact: housingprograms@metisnation.org
SELF-GOVERNMENT

Email: Self.Government@metisnation.org
The Métis Nation of Ontario is offering access to Métis culturally specific mental health and addiction supports for adults, youth and families in Ontario.

Delivered in person, where possible, or via videoconference or telephone this program connects Métis people to specialized mental health and addictions professionals in French and English:

- Mental Health and Addictions Case Coordinator
- Mental health and/or Addictions assessment;
- Psychoeducational/developmental assessment;
- Individual counselling for crisis, trauma, stress, anxiety, depression, addictions and anger;
- Family Therapy
- Digital Dependency, Gaming and Gambling
- Speech and language
- Education consultation
- Tutoring
- Legal consultation
- Financial counselling

24hr MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS CRISIS LINE
1-877-767-7572
HOW DO I MAKE A REFERRAL TO THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM?

For confidential Mental Health and Addiction, financial and/or legal inquiries:

Children/Youth (0-17yrs) :
613-217-3143

Adults (18 yrs and up) :
705-929-4753 or
video@metisnation.org
finding unity through negotiation

February 13, 2021, 1 pm - 5 pm
February 27, 2021, 9 am - 1 pm
February 28, 2021, 9 am - 1 pm

Métis Nation of Ontario in partnership with The Gordon Foundation, invite all Métis youth between the ages of 16 - 29 to participate in the Simulation during February 2021. Different teams will negotiate with their peers on various sections of the Intergovernmental Relations Agreement.

If you have any questions – join the Youth Tea Series on February 2nd at 7pm or email jordynp@metisnation.org.
The Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council (MNOYC) and MNO President Margaret Froh are co-hosting an online tea series on the first Tuesday of every month at 7PM via Zoom.

The series is open to any Métis youth who want to join! The MNO Youth Council and President Froh will provide updates on current initiatives and welcome special guests to broaden the discussion and learn.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 @ 7PM:
This month we have invited the Gordon Foundation to join us for a candid conversation on the upcoming MNO and MNOYC co-facilitated simulation! The goal of this series is to welcome young people to learn, inquire and answer all questions related to the upcoming simulation! The series will also be an open dialogue for young people to connect with MNOYC council and President Froh!

To register please RSVP to:
jordynp@metisnation.org

Métis Nation of Ontario
Online Safety for children and parents

Parents and children (Grades 3 - 6)
Sunday, Jan. 24 | 4 - 5:30 PM EST

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is hosting a webinar in its Speaker Series. This week is the "Online Safety for children and parents." This webinar features advice and insight from guest expert Paul Davis, an IT professional who for the past nine years has advised parents and children about online safety and the potential hazards of social networking.

WEBINAR:
Accountability & Responsibility in a Digital World

Parents and children (Grade 7+)
Sunday, Jan. 31 | 4 - 5:30 PM EST

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VIRTUAL MOBILE REGISTRY

January 25-29, 2021
Call 1-855-798-1006 or email info@mnoregistry.ca to book 1/2 hour phone or video appointments

Can speak about:
• How to apply for citizenship or harvesting
• Questions about your citizenship file
• Harvesting questions
• Genealogical support

Virtual Mobile Registries are bi-monthly. Call anytime to make an appointment during regular Registry hours to get help with applications, forms, questions updates, and more!
A PLACE IN THE CIRCLE:
1st Annual MNO Two-Spirit (LGBTQ+) Leadership Symposium

Saturday, February 20, 2021

The day will be packed with special guest speakers from all over the rainbow! There will be an optional Beaded wall pocket workshop in the evening. Space for this workshop is limited to the first 25 people who apply

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