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Radio Script: Information on accessing the COVID-19 vaccine off-reserve

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Hello/Boozhoo/Wacheya/Aaniin listeners.

This is _____.

Today's broadcast is for our off-reserve Band members. We are going to talk about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Before we start, we want to remind you about NAN Hope. NAN Hope is a mental health and addictions support access program. It is for all NAN citizens. Our mental health matters. So, if you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, reach out. If you would like to speak with someone, you can call 1-844-626-4673. If you would like to connect another way, you can visit nanhope.ca. On the main page, you can find a text and live chat option.

Now let us begin. Over a million people across Canada have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes members from our own community. The vaccine is safe. And it can help protect you and your loved ones.

Ontario has released a vaccination plan. This plan shows when different groups of people will be offered the vaccine. Indigenous peoples living in urban areas should be offered the vaccine soon. The plans and timeline may vary depending on where you are living.

If you live around Thunder Bay, there are a couple of options at this time. ONWA, Dilico Anishnabek Family Care, and the health unit are opening a vaccine clinic. The name of the clinic is Mindimooyenh Vaccination Clinic. It is open to urban Indigenous peoples over the age of 16. The clinic will be open once a week. You can make an appointment by calling or booking online. The phone number is 807-697-1753. The line is open from 10am to 2pm EST Monday through Friday. The web address to book online is www.onwa.ca/covid-19-resources.

The health unit has also opened its own clinic. Right now, people over the age of 85 can get in. You can book a time online. Or you can call 1-888-294-6630. You can visit their website to check for changes. The web address is www.tbdhu.com/covidclinics.



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[If a Matawa First Nations member:

Matawa Health Co-operative is offering the COVID-19 vaccine to some of its members. The clinic is based in Thunder Bay. Community members over the age of 16 are eligible. You will need to register. You can do this by sending an email to mhc-reception@matawa.on.ca. You need to send your name, community, address, and phone number. They will also want to know if you need help getting to the clinic.]

Things will work a little different for the Northwestern Health Unit. The health unit is using the provincial booking system. This will open on March 15th. People over the age of 80 will be offered the vaccine first. You can visit their website to check for changes. The web address is www.nwhu.on.ca.

Each community is also planning. Plans are being made so that all community members have the chance to get the vaccine.

Part of this plan is to create a list of all those living off-reserve. If you are interested in getting the COVID-19 vaccine, you can contact

You will be asked to share your name, address, phone number, and other requested information.

Once the plans are made, they will be shared with you. There are some things you can do while you wait.

You can follow your community's public health measures. You can ask questions to healthcare workers that you trust. And you can practice things that give you hope and strength.

We stand with you during this challenging time. If you have questions about the vaccine, talk to your nurse or doctor. Or send an email to ACWInfo@slfnha.com.

If you have other questions, you can contact

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