

Sagkeeng COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout FAQ – PHASE ONE (Jan-Feb 2021)

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How many doses did Sagkeeng receive?

Sagkeeng received 190 doses of the Moderna vaccine on Jan. 8, 2021.

Why are we getting the Moderna vaccine and not the Pfizer? Is it worse/better than the Pfizer vaccine?

The Moderna vaccine is not better or worse than the Pfizer vaccine. Both vaccines passed all Health Canada's approval processes. The main reason Sagkeeng and other First Nations are getting the Moderna vaccine is because it does not need to be kept at the same ultra-cold temperatures the Pfizer vaccines need to be kept at. The Pfizer vaccine needs to be kept at an extremely cold temperature in a special freezer; these freezers are in limited supply in the province and have been strategically placed throughout Manitoba.

Can I or my loved ones get a vaccine?

The priority groups who will receive the vaccine in this first phase are:

1. The staff and residents of the George M. Guimond Care Centre
2. Community members aged 70 years old and older living on-reserve

In this first phase, unfortunately only those groups listed above are eligible to receive the vaccine. Sagkeeng is only being given enough vaccine to cover our on-reserve population.

How do I book an appointment to get the vaccine?

Community members aged 70 years old and older can call the Sagkeeng Health Centre and speak to the receptionists to register to get the vaccine. The receptionist will take your name, age, date of birth, and your contact information. With that information, they will add your name to the registration list. Once a vaccine is available for you, one of the public health nurses will call you at the number you provided to book an appointment time. The nurse will also ask you questions about any risk factors you may have during that call.

It is important that you are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 when you come to get your vaccination. If you do have symptoms, you may be required to go for testing prior to being vaccinated.