



## **April 18 NOSH/NSFHT Update.**

WE are not part of the provincial vaccine schedule system. The provincial system is open to anyone over 60, they do not necessarily prioritize identified risk groups, and anyone from the district including Thunder Bay would be able to access appointments in our community. We receive 150 doses/ week from the TBDHU and are doing our best to follow the provincial guidelines for priorities and distribute these to local patients.

### **Process for vaccination in our catchment area:**

Pick up a consent form from J.E. Stokes, McCausland Hospital or download and print from our website. Submit completed consent to J.E. Stokes or McCausland Hospital. Please identify any priority group you may fall under on the top, be specific – for example - has diabetes, school personnel, grocery store employee etc.

If you are unable to leave your home to pick up a consent, please call your Doctor's office and they will help you.

### **874 Vaccines have been provided to:**

- Everyone associated with LTC and Chronic Care
- the 70+ population
- Indigenous 40+
- health care workers
- Many over 66
- Some with high risk health conditions

If you are in any of the above priorities, submitted your consent before April 7<sup>th</sup>, and have not received a vaccine or an appointment for a vaccine, please call 823-3828 and leave a message, and someone will get back to you within 24 hrs.

### **April 22**

- We are working our way down from 66 the best we can – there are many of you!!
- highest risk health conditions
- Indigenous 18+

Please don't call if we missed you this week. We have had many consents come in for this age group in the past 2 weeks and some may be out of order. After April 22 we should have a better idea of when everyone over 60 will be scheduled.

We are working on identifying everyone under 60 in the at-risk category for health conditions. This document is posted on the North Shore Family Health Team website and on the Ministry of Health Website. If you think you are in this priority, please write your condition on the top of the consent.

If you are under 60 and healthy – please complete your consent and if employed write your place of employment on the top – this will help when priorities for essential services are announced.

If you are unsure about the vaccine, feel free to call your health care professional to discuss. And of course, please follow all public health guidelines.