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COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update for the Southwestern Public Health Region

The following groups have been added to the eligibility for the COVID-19 Vaccine in our region.

- **Adults aged 75 and older (born in 1946 or earlier) (as announced March 19)**
- **Indigenous adults aged 16 and older**
- **Faith leaders who as part of their regular role are at increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 through close contact with persons and families in the following circumstances:**
 - End of life care
 - Care of the deceased, funerals, bathing, or other ceremony with direct contact with deceased persons
 - Home visits to unwell persons
 - Pastoral care in hospitals, Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, or other vulnerable settings

All previously identified groups remain eligible. A full listing and how to book an appointment is available on our website, www.swpublichealth.ca/eligibility.

Everyone is encouraged to be vaccinated **at their earliest eligibility opportunity**. There will be enough vaccine for everyone else who wants to be vaccinated when they become eligible.

We appreciate your continued patience and support.