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MÉTIS YOUTH AND FAMILIES ATTEND SECOND MN-S VACCINE CLINIC

June 25, 2021 – To further the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) Government vaccine initiative, Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) staff are delivering 250 vaccine doses to Métis children, youth and citizens at a second pop-up COVID-19 clinic. MN–S is proud to offer culturally aware vaccine clinic options to help keep citizens healthy and safe. The clinic is being held today and tomorrow at the MN–S 20th street offices in Saskatoon. Interest in having the COVID-19 vaccine was high, and all available appointments booked quickly.

Métis citizens 12 and older were offered an appointment if they hadn't already received a vaccination or were due for a second dose. Many families are bringing their children to the clinic for a first vaccination.

SHA staff are administering vaccines to citizens, ensuring operations are COVID secure. Métis Elder Norman Fleury opened the clinic with a traditional prayer. Those vaccinated received personal protective equipment for their visit, bannock, and a *Vaccinated Métis Strong* button to wear with pride.

"We are very pleased to see a large number of children and youth participating in this second clinic. It's so important to have access to the COVID-19 vaccine in a comfortable and culturally friendly environment," says MN–S President Glen McCallum. "We are continuing to promote our *Vaccinated Métis Strong* campaign to keep encouraging citizens to access the vaccine as quickly and safely as possible,"

Phil Boyer, onsite this morning with his wife Gail, said "I wanted to get vaccinated to get everything back to a little bit of normalcy. We'd like to thank the Métis Nation for giving us the opportunity to get this done. We got our first dose down here and now our second dose and we're looking forward to being COVID free."

When asked about the clinic, MN–S citizen Dale Smith said "I had a very pleasant experience, very professional people around here and I would do it again."

The MN–S Government has established partnerships with other indigenous governments to offer culturally safe access to COVID-19 vaccinations. This



includes the Regina Urban Indigenous Vaccine Clinic and the Central Saskatchewan Indigenous Vaccination Sites in Saskatoon, North Battleford, and Prince Albert.

For more information about vaccination booking and clinic locations, MN–S encourages interested people to visit our *Vaccinated Métis Strong* page here <https://metisnationsk.com/vaccine/>

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About Métis Nation–Saskatchewan:

Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the Government for Métis citizens in the province of Saskatchewan. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of some 80,000 Métis through an elected representative system consisting of an Executive, 12 Regions and approximately 132 Locals.

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