



Media Release

Métis Government offers paediatric vaccine clinic in Saskatoon

December 14, 2021 — Saskatchewan – School is out for the holiday break, and Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is offering parents an opportunity to give their kids an early gift - protection from the COVID-19 virus.

A pop-up Pfizer vaccine clinic is opening at the MN–S office at 310 – 20th Street East on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Children five to 11 years old can receive their first vaccination or second dose if enough time has passed since their first vaccine. Parents will be required to show their child's health card to access the clinic.

MN–S is proud to partner with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) staff to deliver the culturally safe vaccine clinic to help keep citizens healthy and protected. The clinic is open to all children, not only Métis citizens, and while walk-ins are welcome, appointments are highly encouraged to avoid wait times. A toll-free line is available at 1-833-638-4775 for parents to make those arrangements.

SHA staff are administering the vaccines, ensuring operations are COVID-19 secure. The clinic will open with a traditional prayer, and those attending will receive gifts of Métis children's books and bannock.

"We can't let our guards down, especially for the health of our children and Elders," says MN–S President Glen McCallum. "Through our *Vaccinated Métis Strong* campaign, we continue to encourage all Métis citizens to access the vaccine. Being safe for the holiday season is most important."

MN–S Health Minister Marg Friesen says, "MN–S has been proactive during the pandemic, offering culturally safe vaccination clinics and partnering with others for culturally respectful and easily available access to the COVID-19 vaccine. This pop-up clinic is important to remove barriers to vaccination and to raise awareness about the need for these opportunities."

The Métis Nation–Saskatchewan is proud to support immunization services that keep the province healthy and safe. MN–S encourages citizens to get vaccinated and show their support by updating their Facebook profile photo with a Vaccinated Métis Strong Facebook frame. MN–S updates on the MN–S response to COVID-

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19 are [here](#). Information on our *Vaccinated Métis Strong* campaign is [here](#), and details on our Vaccine incentive draw are [here](#).

For more information about vaccination booking and clinic locations, MN–S encourages interested people to contact the Saskatchewan Health Authority website [here](#) or the Saskatchewan Health Authority vaccination line at 1-833-SASKVAX

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About Métis Nation–Saskatchewan

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is the recognized government of the Métis Nation in Saskatchewan. MN–S is built on a foundation of Métis identity, culture, values and language. MN–S works to advance Métis rights and recognition. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of more than 80,000 Métis in the province through an elected representative system at local, regional and provincial levels.

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