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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 25, 2021

To: All band members

Re: Updates re: Halloween, COVID boosters, flu shots and employee declaration of vaccination status

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We are writing to provide a brief update on a few time sensitive issues:

We have been asked if trick or treating will be allowed on Halloween this year. We feel that it can be done safely if all stick to family bubbles, and care is taken in preparation and distribution of treats. It has been suggested by Public Health that individually bagged treats, that are handed out by a member of the home who is masked, is the safest option. We would also suggest that trick or treating occur during the hours of 4:00 to 6:30 pm for the safety of all, especially if visibility is poor due to inclement weather. I think we can all agree that the children need this for their wellness.

Public Health has advised that COVID vaccination boosters will be available to First Nation's members shortly. Our Health Centre has scheduled November 9th for those who have received their second dose at least 6 months prior. You can also receive your flu shot concurrently.

We understand there are members who chose not to be vaccinated, for a number of reasons. While Public Health believes that vaccination from COVID will reduce the incident of hospitalization and serious illness, some will still opt not to be vaccinated. Public Health continues to require masking, distancing and sanitizing to reduce the spread, and protect the vulnerable, and children not eligible to be vaccinated. These precautions also protect those who do not want or cannot be vaccinated.

Natoaganeg, per our HR Policy, HR-2 Staffing Policies and Procedures, 5.0 COVID 19, is committed to taking every reasonable step to ensure the health and safety of our employees and Community. This includes placing certain requirements on employees pertaining to vaccination and testing for COVID 19.

For your information, I am providing the following vaccination rates for comparison purposes:

NB Vaccination rates

% of fully vaccinated eligible recipients	83.1%
% of first dosed eligible recipients	91.9%

Natoaganeg First Nation vaccination rates

% fully vaccinated eligible members	78.0%
% of first dosed eligible members	83.4%

Canada vaccination rates

% fully vaccinated eligible recipients	72.0%
% of first dosed eligible recipients	77.4%

Portions of New Brunswick continue to be in circuit breaker mode to reduce the spread of the highly transmissible Delta Variant. We have had close calls, so we would suggest following the Public Health mandates, and using care and caution when travelling. COVID poses a serious threat for all, but especially for the elderly, the immune compromised and the very young. We are working diligently to keep COVID out of our schools, Headstart, after school and Community programs. We appreciate your support during these trying times and look forward to better times.

The booster clinic for Notoaganeg will be NOVEMBER 9, 2021 for those who received their second dose 6 months prior to that date, including those who received their vaccine second dose by May 7th. Please call the Health Centre if you have any questions. Information will also be posted on the Health centre Facebook Page.

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