Ulaaju Peter recently booked herself an appointment at the COVID-19 Testing Centre run by the Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team. The Inuk mother of three works with vulnerable clients. Ulaaju also brought her three children, aged 5, 4 and 2 in for testing. There was little wait required. The Akausivik team, including doctors, nurses, and Inuit case managers is on hand Monday to Friday from 10:30 - 4:00 to administer the tests and follow up with any care needed.

The Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team has been reaching out to Inuit to call and book their appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine. Akausivik has administered close to 2,000 vaccines to date, and the number of people booking appointments continues to increase. However, the Executive Director with the Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team, Connie Siedule, says it is equally important that Inuit in the Ottawa area take advantage of their testing centre as well.

"With the recent rise in COVID-19 variants of concern, lab PCR testing of Covid-19 remains an essential part of maintaining everyone’s health during this pandemic."

The Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team booking number is 613-740-0999. It is the number for booking both a vaccine appointment or a COVID-19 test.

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