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The Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team (AIFHT) continues to deliver dedicated health care to its Inuit community members in the Ottawa area.

This past week, Akausivik (AIFHT) successfully increased the number of **culturally safe** COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, by 77.4%.

This week, Akausivik anticipates surpassing 1,000 **patient care safe** COVID-19 vaccine doses delivered to Inuit living across the city and from a number of other regions in Ontario.

Former President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Ambassador Mary Simon, came for her COVID-19 vaccine, and spent an afternoon with the dedicated health care professionals at Akausivik.

" I realize that the pandemic has put a huge strain on everyone. You have answered the call of duty in this time of great change in our lives. Today I saw and experienced a place where people cared for each other and looked out for one another. ...individuals working hard every day to meet the needs of our community."

Ambassador Simon says it's important that Inuit reach out to family and friends and encourage them to get their COVID-19 vaccine.

Ambassador Simon speaks about overcoming people's hesitancy and about the necessity of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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During this period when the COVID-19 vaccine is being made available, and an apparent third wave is expected, the Akausivik Inuit Family Health Centre continues to operate its COVID-19 rapid testing and PCR swabbing facility at its Ottawa location.

AIFHT also continues to offer its services in acute and urgent care as well as mental health onsite.

FAQs:

How do Inuit book an appointment?
Call Akausivik at 613-740-0999

When is it open?
Clinic/appointment hours 10:30am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday

Who is eligible?
All Inuit adults, including family and caregivers

Is the Covid-19 vaccine safe?
Pfizer-BioNTech and the Moderna vaccines are Health Canada approved
The vaccine does not contain the virus, it can't give you COVID-19

Why get vaccinated?
It is free. It helps prevent disease severity and death

The Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team (AIFHT) Covid-19 vaccination clinic is provided in partnership with Ottawa Public Health.

Special thanks to The Ottawa Hospital and Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

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Broadcast links via Dropbox
Mary Simon encourages Inuit to get the COVID-19 vaccine

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