



Yuutu?it?ath Government Revaccination Administration

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Revaccination being offered for some vaccines administered at huu?atu Health Centre

In Spring 2024, staff at the huu?atu Health Centre, operated by Yuutu?it?ath Government, became aware of inconsistencies with the tracking of some vaccine fridge temperature records. It was discovered that there were no records for the daily monitoring of the vaccine fridge temperatures between the dates of June 1, 2022 and September 1, 2023.

There is no indication that the vaccines administered during this time period were ever out of the recommended temperature range. However, if a vaccine was ever out of range, it may mean the vaccine was less effective, and may not have provided the full level of protection. Receiving a vaccine from health centre staff during this time period is safe, and not considered to be a risk to a person's health.

Vaccine temperature records are now being properly monitored and maintained by Health Centre staff. However, due to the lack of temperature records, the Island Health Medical Health Officer (MHO) Dr. Charmaine Enns has recommended the vaccines administered during this time period be declared invalid and to offer revaccination to some of the individuals affected.

In total, 31 community members who received routine vaccinations, primarily for children, are being offered revaccination. Not all vaccines administered at the huu?atu Health Centre during the June 2022 to September 2023 time period will be offered for revaccination.

The Covid-19 and flu vaccines are seasonal shots and have already been offered to community members after the impacted time frame, in both fall 2023 and spring 2024. Additionally, these shots were administered by the Pharmacist from Co-op Pharmacy (meaning those vaccines are not affected by this incident). Some adult boosters during this time period will be offered for revaccination.

"Out of an abundance of caution, I recommend that some of the affected community members have an opportunity to be revaccinated," Dr. Enns said. "While not mandatory, affected community members may not have received the full benefit to their immune system and being revaccinated remains the best defence against vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and polio."

All community members (or their parent/caregiver) who are being offered revaccination have been notified by huu?atu Health Centre staff and have also received a letter with the same information.

**The revaccination clinic will be held at the huu?atu Health Centre on
Tuesday, June 25 & Wednesday, June 26, 2024.**



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Health centre staff are available to answer any questions or concerns anyone may have. All affected community members will have their letter uploaded to the Provincial Immunization Registry, in case a client has moved elsewhere in the province.

“I would like to acknowledge huu?atu Health Centre staff, Island Health and FNHA public health teams for working collectively during this time, offering internal and external support and guiding communications to the community,” Yuutu?it?ath Government President, Charles McCarthy, said. “Affected community members who have been contacted are encouraged to consider the recommendations of public health for re-immunization. To ensure you and your family are comfortable with the presented information, please contact Cynthia Fitton, Director of Health and Social Services, if needed.”

huu?atu Health Centre, Yuutu?it?ath Government, Island Health and FNHA thank you for your attention to this matter as we work to provide the community and all affected community members with the best health care possible.

If you have any questions, Cynthia Fitton RN, Community Health Nurse & Acting Community Services Director is available for family meetings, group talks or one-on-one meetings at any point. Contact Cynthia at **(778) 942-0579** or cynthia.fitton@ufn.ca. Alternatively, you can also contact Michelle Anderson, Community Health Practice Consultant at FNHA, michele.anderson@fnha.ca

Sincerely,

Yuutu?it?ath Government – Ucluelet First Nation