

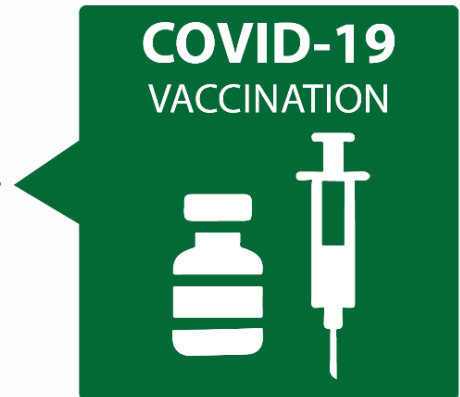
Saskatchewan COVID-19 Immunization Plan

February 9, 2021

Goals

- Protect the most high risk and vulnerable.
- Minimize serious illness and death.
- Protect the capacity of the health care system.
- Minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- Vaccinate as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

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Saskatchewan Approach

- Saskatchewan's COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan is built on the foundation of age as the main risk factor.
- Phase 1 is focused on vaccinating high-risk populations, people of advanced age, and health care workers that have been identified as a priority.
- Phase 2 is focused on vaccinating the general population by age, as well as the clinically extremely vulnerable and people in emergency shelters and group homes.
- Focusing on age as a primary risk factor will enable Saskatchewan residents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in a more efficient and timely manner.

Saskatchewan COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan

Pfizer Pilot	Phase 1	Phase 2
Health Care Workers	High-Risk Populations	General Population
<p>1,950 health care workers immunized in Regina.</p> <p>Pilot project to better understand the handling and storage requirements of the Pfizer vaccine.</p>	<p>Focused on vaccinating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - long-term care and personal care home residents and staff; - priority healthcare workers; - residents 70+ in all communities; and - residents 50+ in remote, northern communities (<i>approximately 190,000 people requiring 380,000 doses</i>). <p>42,987 vaccines have been administered as of February 7, 2021.</p>	<p>Focused on vaccinating the general population in 10-year increments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 60-69* - 50-59 - 40-49 - 30-39 - 16 (Pfizer)/18 (Moderna)-29 <p>* At the same time the 60-69 population is immunized, people in emergency shelters and group homes will be vaccinated, as well as those who are clinically extremely vulnerable.</p> <p><i>Age groupings may widen under the age of 50 if vaccine supplies allow.</i></p>

Phase 1 Update: Vaccine Supply

- The Government of Canada has committed that every Canadian who wants to be vaccinated against COVID-19 will have access to a vaccine by September 2021.
- To meet that deadline, the Government of Canada originally announced that it had secured six million doses of the vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna combined) for Q1 2021.
- Of that supply, Saskatchewan was expecting to receive 191,300 doses of COVID-19 vaccine in Q1:
 - 124,800 doses of Pfizer vaccine
 - 66,500 doses of Moderna vaccine

Phase 1 Update: Vaccine Scarcity

- Saskatchewan is anticipating a shortfall of more than 12,600 doses of the Pfizer vaccine in Q1, as well 500 less doses of the Moderna vaccine.
- Currently allotments will allow less than half of Phase 1 priority populations to be fully vaccinated.
- Continued delays in receiving vaccines will extend time to vaccinate our most vulnerable people in Phase 1, as well as the rest of the population in Phase 2.
- Future amounts of vaccine are unknown, as PHAC has not provided provinces/territories with confirmed allocations beyond Q1.

Phase 2

- Projected start: **April-June 2021** (depending on available vaccine supplies).
- Projected finish: Dependent on available vaccine supplies.
- General population immunized in 10-year increments:

Age Group	Estimated Population	Schedule
60-69	138,471	Schedule to be determined based on the availability of COVID-19 vaccine.
50-59	147,469	
40-49	151,901	
30-39	183,292	
18-29	190,043	

** Age groupings may widen under the age of 50 if vaccine supplies allow.*

- Targeted vaccinations to select congregate living and extremely clinically vulnerable populations.

Why Focus on Age?

- Age is the number one risk factor for severe outcomes, hospitalizations and deaths related to COVID-19.
- People of advanced age are more likely to be clinically extremely vulnerable or living with other chronic conditions.

Age Groups	Deaths*	Percentage of COVID-19 Deaths
80 and over	175	52.7%
60-79	118	35.5%
40-59	27	8.1%
20-39	12	3.6%
Total	332	

**Deaths as of February 5, 2021*

Phase 2 Targeted Vaccinations

Select congregate living settings:

- Group homes for persons with intellectual disabilities
- Emergency shelters

People with underlying health conditions that are clinically extremely vulnerable include:

- Solid organ transplant recipients.
- People with specific cancers.
- People with severe respiratory conditions.
- People with rare diseases that significantly increase the risk of infections.
- People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase the risk of infection.
- Adults with very significant developmental disabilities that increase risk.
- Adults on dialysis or with chronic kidney disease.

Phase 2 Vaccine Clinics

- The Saskatchewan Health Authority will operate 230 clinics in more than 180 communities across the province.
 - Mass immunization clinics
 - Drive-thru clinics
 - Mobile clinics
- Community clinics will also be available (e.g. pharmacies).

Saskatchewan COVID-19 Clinics	
Mass immunization clinics	149
Drive-thru clinics	23
Mobile clinics	58
Total clinics	230

Vaccine Clinics

- Three primary categories of clinics will be available:



By Appointment

- e.g. Public health clinics, mass immunization clinics



Drive-Thru/Walk-In

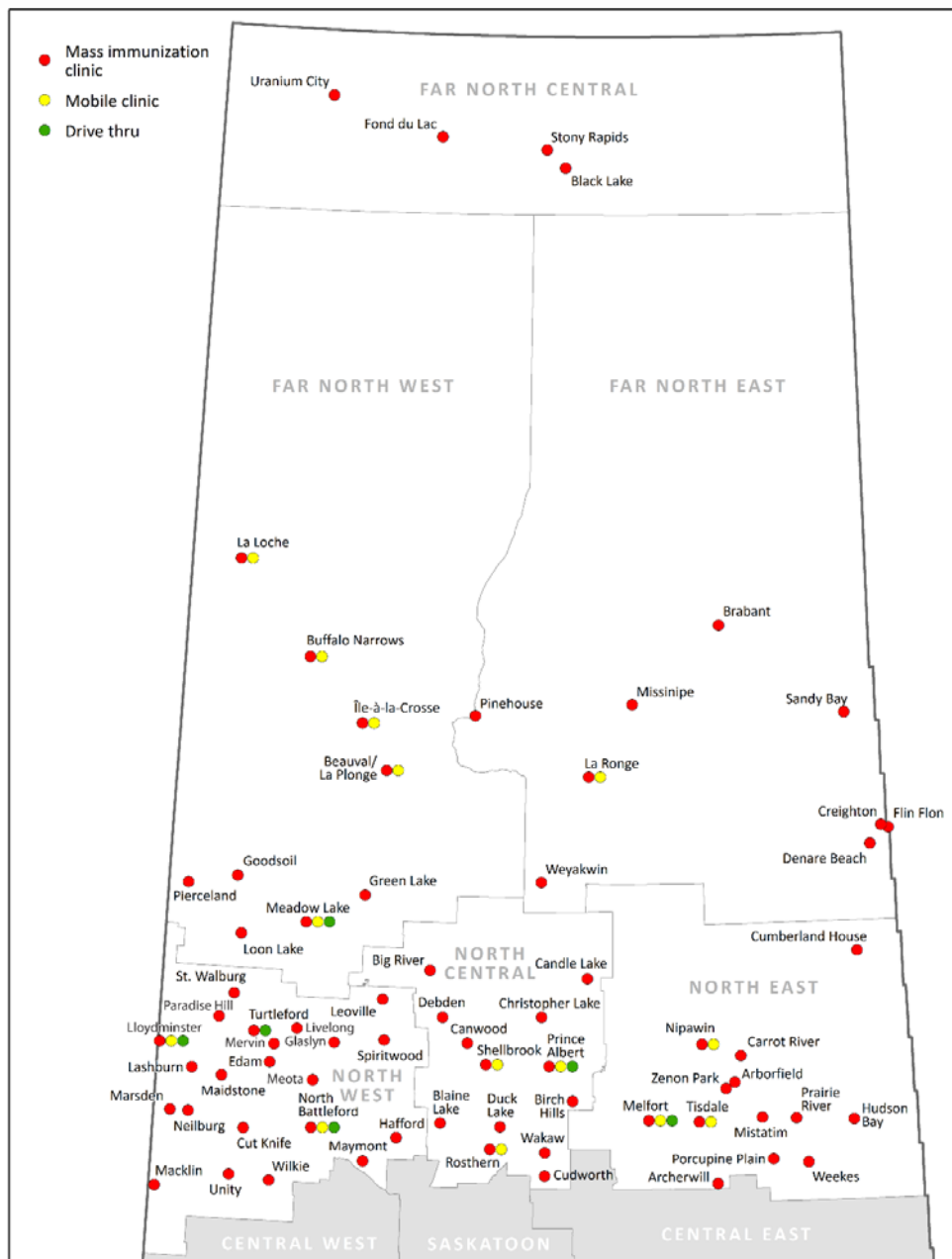
- e.g. Drive-thru clinics, mobile clinics



In the Community

- e.g. Pharmacies, physician offices, partnerships with community-based organizations

Far North/ North

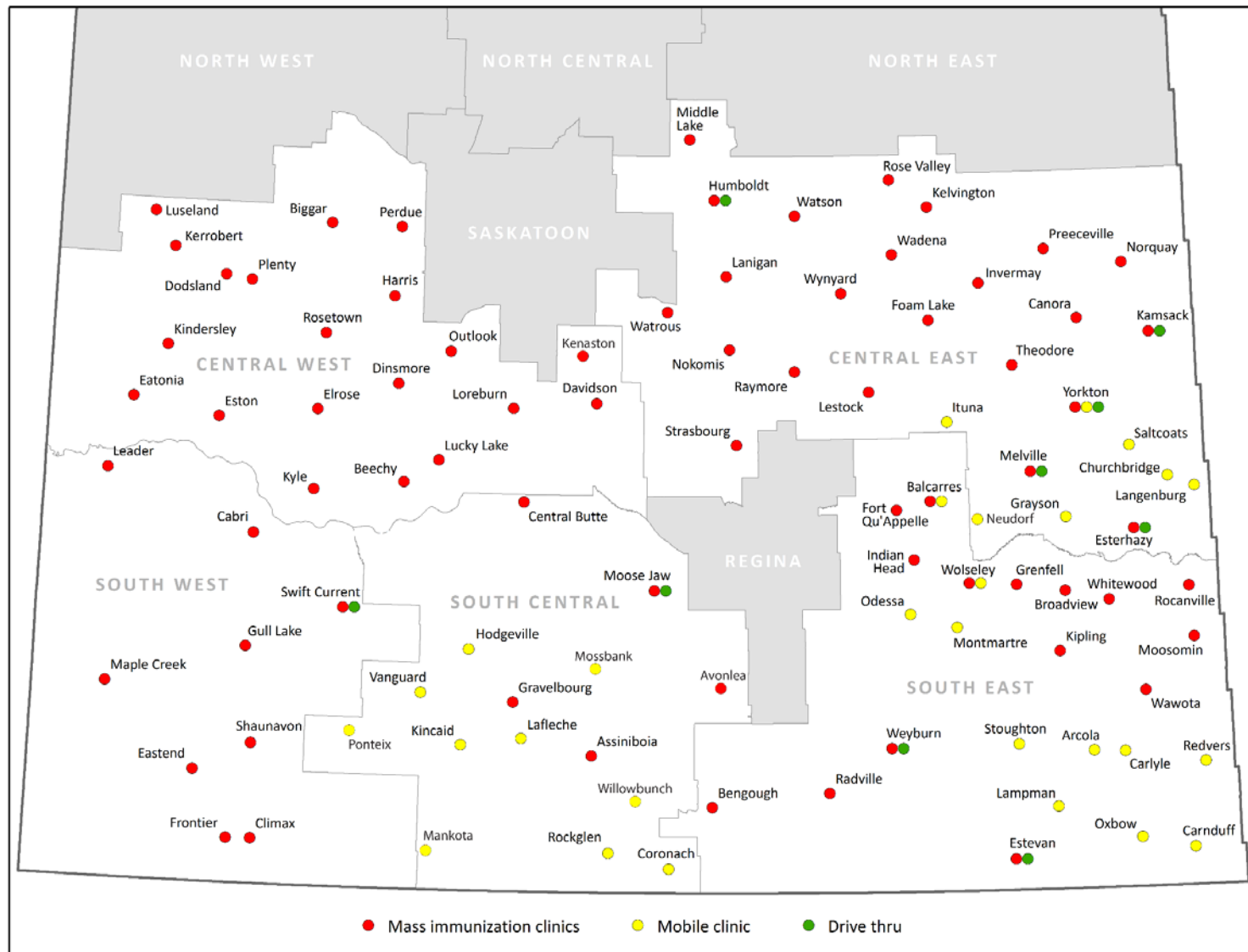


Far North/North

Far North	
Mass immunization clinics	22
Drive-thru clinics	1
Mobile clinics	6
Total clinics	29

North	
Mass immunization clinics	49
Drive-thru clinics	6
Mobile clinics	8
Total clinics	63

Central/South

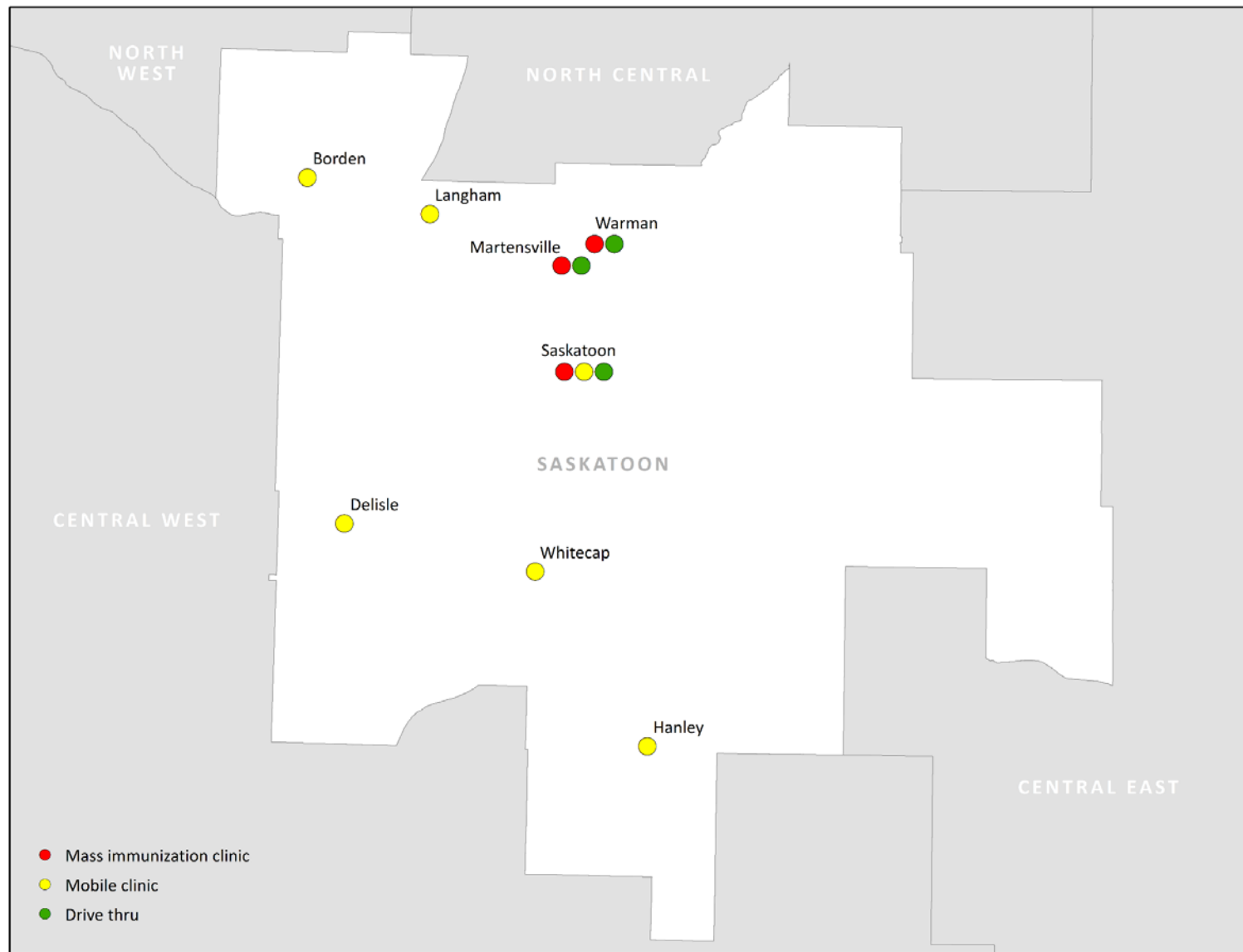


Central/South

Central	
Mass immunization clinics	43
Drive-thru clinics	5
Mobile clinics	7
Total clinics	55

South	
Mass immunization clinics	29
Drive-thru clinics	4
Mobile clinics	21
Total clinics	54

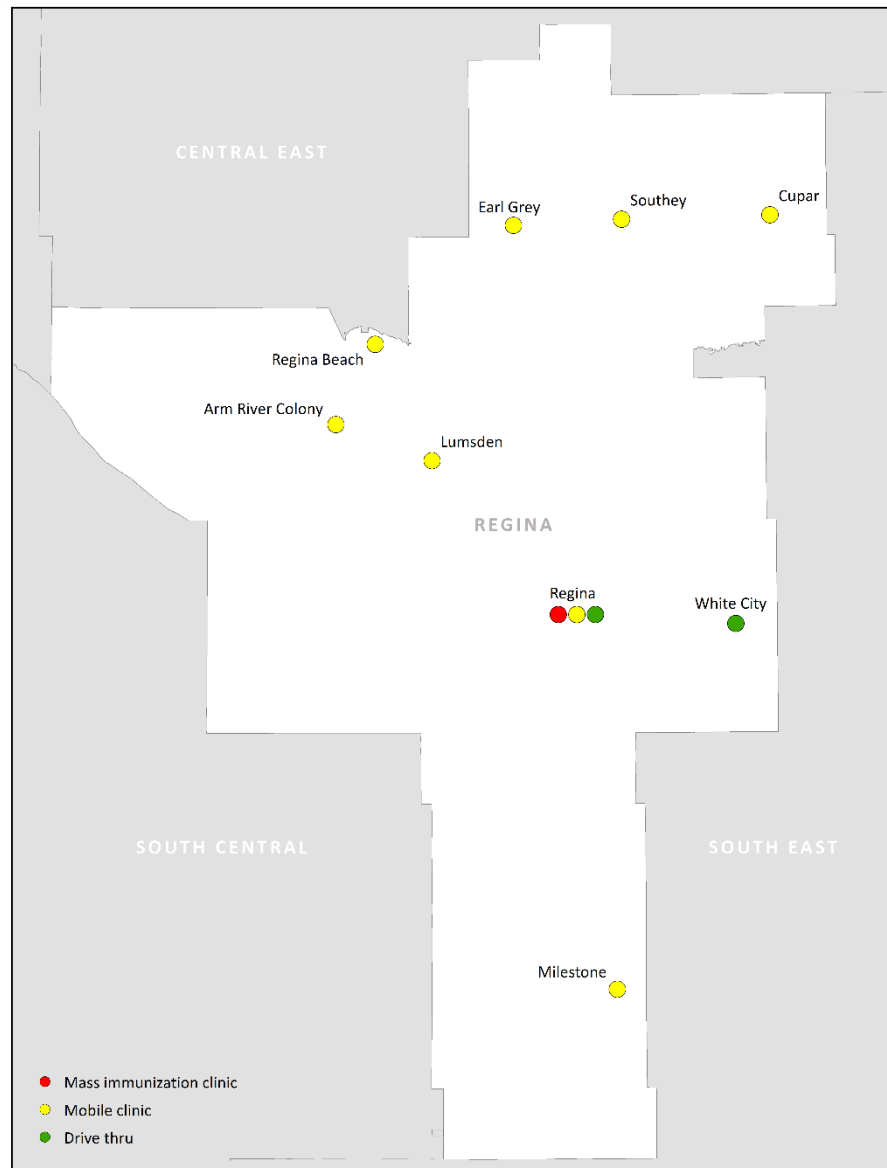
Saskatoon



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Saskatoon Area	
Mass immunization clinics	4
Drive-thru clinics	4
Mobile clinics	6
Total clinics	14

Regina



Regina

Regina Area	
Mass immunization clinics	2
Drive-thru clinics	3
Mobile clinics	10
Total clinics	15

Additional Vaccine Clinics

- Clinics throughout rural, urban and northern Saskatchewan.
- Opportunity to add seasonal clinics (e.g. drive-thru clinics) as the weather allows.
- In addition to the SHA clinics, there will also be many other clinics, including:
 - Participating pharmacies (last year 385 pharmacies in 113 different communities participated in the flu immunization program)
 - Participating physicians' offices
 - First Nations clinics
 - Community-based settings
 - Partnerships with large businesses/industries

Resourcing

- Up to 2,200 people involved in delivering COVID-19 vaccines in Phase 2.
- Approximately 675 health care workers being redeployed to deliver vaccines.
- Widespread deployment of immunization resources, including:
 - Public health staff
 - Casual, part-time and relief health care workers
 - Physicians
 - Nurse practitioners
 - First Nations health staff
 - Retired health care workers
 - Pharmacists
 - EMS
 - Medical students
 - Non-traditional immunizers

Keeping People Informed

- Information will be publicly shared to let you know:
 - When it's your time to be vaccinated.
 - How to register for a vaccine appointment.
 - The different types of immunization clinics available.
 - How to find the closest clinics to you.
- All clinic and registration details will be available at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine.
- Information will also be included in:
 - Advertising in local media
 - Social media
 - Online ads
 - Local publications
 - Posters
 - Direct mail
 - News conferences

Booking an Appointment

Phase 1

- Residents and staff in long-term care and personal care homes will be contacted directly.
- Priority health care workers will be contacted to book an appointment.
- People 70+ living independently in the community will receive information through direct contact, wherever possible, or through local media and social media where direct contact is not possible.

Booking an Appointment

Phase 2

- Central scheduling system under development for easy online access to vaccine appointments.
 - Appointments to be booked online through the Government of Saskatchewan website at www.saskatchewan.ca.
 - Operational in March 2021.
- Toll-free telephone line to allow residents to book appointments through a dedicated call centre.
 - Operational in March 2021.

Proof of Vaccination

- Electronic and paper copies of vaccination records available.
- People will receive a wallet card with a record of their COVID-19 vaccination.
- Vaccination records also stored electronically on MySaskHealthRecord.
- Register for MySaskHealthRecord at ehealthsask.ca.



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RECORD OF COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION

Name: _____

Immunization Date: _____ YY/MM/DD

Date for 2nd Dose: _____ YY/MM/DD

Vaccine Manufacturer: _____

HCW: Please report your immunization to OH&S.

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