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Dear Citizens,

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. It has been a challenging time and I want to thank those who have been following the Safe Six Plus One guidelines. As you may have heard, the Yukon now has the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

This is good news for the territory and the country. Safe and effective vaccines reduce the transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 and associated illnesses and deaths. Over time, having more Yukoners immunized will allow us to live with fewer restrictions. We can eventually return to our normal lives.

On January 29, there will be a community vaccine clinic in Pelly Crossing at the Link Building. All adults (over the age of 18) will be able to receive the Moderna vaccine. Choosing to get the vaccine is the best thing we can do to protect our community, ourselves and our loved ones. Over time, widespread immunization will allow us to return to a life without COVID-19 restrictions.

The vaccine has been approved by Health Canada following careful testing and review. The Moderna vaccine has been found to be 94.1% effective in clinical trials of over 30,000 adults.

The vaccine is incredibly good news for Yukon, but we **still will need to follow the Safe Six plus One**, until we receive other direction from the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Attached is information that will help you decide whether or not to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the COVID-19 information line 7 days a week between 8:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. 1-877-374-0425 or call our Health Centre at 867-537-4444.

For more information you can also visit the COVID-119 Government of Yukon web<u>site https://yukon.ca/</u> and the Government of Canada website <u>https://www.canada.ca</u>.

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