



## **Community Update – November 24 , 2021**

### **Emerging Wisely Current State: Step by Step Together**

**The Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) plans to amend self-isolation requirements for children (aged 5 – 11) in the coming weeks who receive a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.**

- During a time period between first and second doses of vaccine, children will not be required to self-isolate upon return from travel to the NWT.
- The time period starts 14 days after a first dose is administered and ends 8 weeks after a first dose is administered.
- This means there will be six weeks in which a child can be exempt from self-isolation before they receive their second dose if all other requirements are also met.
- Day 1 and Day 8 COVID-19 tests will be required as part of their exemption from self-isolation, and must also self-isolate if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.
- A longer time interval between first and second doses (eight weeks) has also been recommended for children by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. Children will then be considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of vaccine.
- COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be highly effective and safe. The vaccine trial in children aged 5 to 11 demonstrates effectiveness and safety in this age group as well.
- The schedule for vaccinating children between 5 and 11-years old will be made public as soon as first doses are received.

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