

# TILLICUM LELUM ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

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March 8, 2021

Hi Everyone,

**RE: COVID – 19 Vaccines 1 – 833 – 348 - 4787**

As you might be aware, starting today, March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Health Authority will be launching their next immunization phase for COVID-19 vaccines. Starting on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Indigenous people aged 65 years and older and elders will be able to call 1-833-348-4787 to book COVID-19 immunization appointments. Those who call to book an appointment and self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) or an Elder, will be offered the option to make an appointment at the closest available immunization clinic.

We will also start a list that will be provided to the Health Authority to be prioritized. We will need full name, phone or contact information, Personal Health Number (Care Card #) and date of birth; please call the Health Centre at 250-753 – 6578.

TLAFC would like to support such processes, so please if you are working or know an Indigenous elder 65 and over, ensure that they are able to access the service, if not redirect them to the Health Centre and we will book their appointment; we have limited capacity but will provide transportation too. We appreciate your support and understanding.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The number to call for people in Island Health, beginning on March 8 and after – and *only when it is your turn* – is 1-833-348-4787. *(This number is only for booking a vaccine for eligible people. Please do not call this number for information or other questions about the vaccine.)* **\*All Indigenous people aged 65 and older, and Elders, are now eligible.**
- Please ensure you are in the eligible age group before you call. Only people who are eligible will get booked for their vaccination.
- The call centre will be open seven days a week from 7:00am – 7:00pm starting March 8.

### RESOURCES AND LINKS:

- Clinic locations, including a list of communities that will be vaccinated using the whole of community approach, are listed on Island Health's COVID Vaccine webpage: [islandhealth.ca/covid19vaccine](https://islandhealth.ca/covid19vaccine)
- Information for Seniors 80+ and Indigenous Peoples 65+ is available here: [gov.bc.ca/bcseniorsfirst](https://gov.bc.ca/bcseniorsfirst)
- Learn more about when different groups will be eligible to get the vaccine on the BC Government website here: [gov.bc.ca/covidvaccine](https://gov.bc.ca/covidvaccine).
- If you still have questions, you can talk to a Service BC agent at 1-888-COVID19

In Friendship,

*Grace Elliott Nielsen*

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