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COVID-19 VACCINE BULLETIN #15

The RBC Convention Centre super site is preparing to open tomorrow. Approximately 3,432 immunizations have been given since the vaccine arrived in Manitoba in December.

Thousands of appointments have already been made for Jan. 4 to 10 with second-dose appointments occurring Jan. 25 to 31. To date, about 4,100 first-dose appointments have been made and approximately 2,000 remain available. The phone line is open to eligible health-care workers from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily until all spaces are filled.

Eligibility criteria currently include health-care workers whose work involves direct contact with patients and who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- work in critical care units;
- work in long-term care facilities, born on or before Dec. 31, 1975 (changed from 1974);
- work in acute care facilities, born on or before Dec. 31, 1975 (changed from 1974); or
- assigned to a COVID-19 immunization clinic or testing site.

Individuals should not call to make an appointment unless they meet the eligibility criteria.

People with appointments are reminded to enter through the main doors on York Avenue at the RBC Convention Centre. Indoor parking will be free for clients who present their parking ticket for validation when they check in for their appointment. To limit crowding and keep an even flow of immunizations, people are asked not to show up any more than 15 minutes before their appointment time.

Procedures are in place to ensure no one will miss their appointment, but steps must be taken to limit crowds.

Manitoba will soon launch an online dashboard to provide statistics about the immunization program. More information about the vaccine campaign in Manitoba is available at www.manitoba.ca/vaccine.

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