



Tkemlups te Secwépemc

(Kamloops Indian Band)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

Chief and Council – COVID Vaccine update – March 15, 2021

Chief and Council have been hearing some feedback that members are concerned or do not want to take the COVID vaccine. We understand why members are cautious about the vaccine.

BCAFN has stated that “Our peoples’ experiences with the Canadian health care system and colonial values make some of us hesitant about receiving vaccines, Unfortunately, false information is being circulated, especially on social media, about the COVID-19 vaccines.”

We want to assure you that getting the vaccines is safe. They have passed the same rigorous testing as all other vaccines.

Vaccines are products that produce immunity to a specific disease like COVID-19. When you are immune to COVID-19 that means you may be exposed to it without becoming sick or if you do become infected, it can prevent more severe illness.

To get herd immunity, so that all our membership is safe, especially our Elders, we need as many people as possible to get vaccinated.

Here is some additional information to read so members can make an informed decision on whether to take the COVID vaccine. Again Chief and Council would like encourage all to get the COVID vaccination.

Yecwestsútce and stay safe.

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<https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/covid-19-vaccines-pfizer-biontech-and-moderna-how-they-work>

[Vaccines and treatments for COVID-19: Progress - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-services/article/2021/03/vaccines-and-treatments-for-covid-19-progress.html)

<https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-vaccines/>