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# Immunity for our communities

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## **The Northwest Territories COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy**

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Government of  
Northwest Territories

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***To provide safe and efficacious COVID-19 vaccines to all eligible NWT residents in an effective and timely manner to reduce the overall impact of COVID-19.***

- *Equity*
- *Cultural Competency*
- *Evidence-based Decision Making*
- *Flexibility and Responsiveness*
- *Trust*



# GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Vaccination of all eligible adult residents in a way that considers individual- and community-level risk factors.
- Historical experiences and the ongoing impacts of colonization, cultural oppression, and systemic racism impact health outcomes and trust in the health care system.

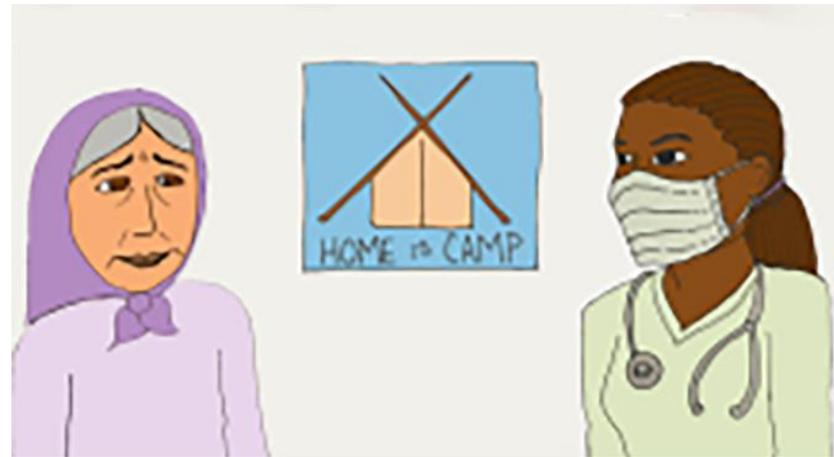


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- **Residents need to trust the information they are receiving. They need to trust the recommendations from health care professionals and the institutions delivering the vaccination program.**
- Based on science, independent regulatory review, and advice of medical and other experts.
- New ongoing information will be built into a flexible NWT COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy framework.



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NWT Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Kami Kandola flew into Wekweètì (approx 150 people) to get her vaccine on Jan.13, 2021.



Wekweètì Chief Charlie Football told CBC News that initially he didn't like to talk about COVID-19 for fear it would bring the disease to his community, a belief passed down from his grandparents.

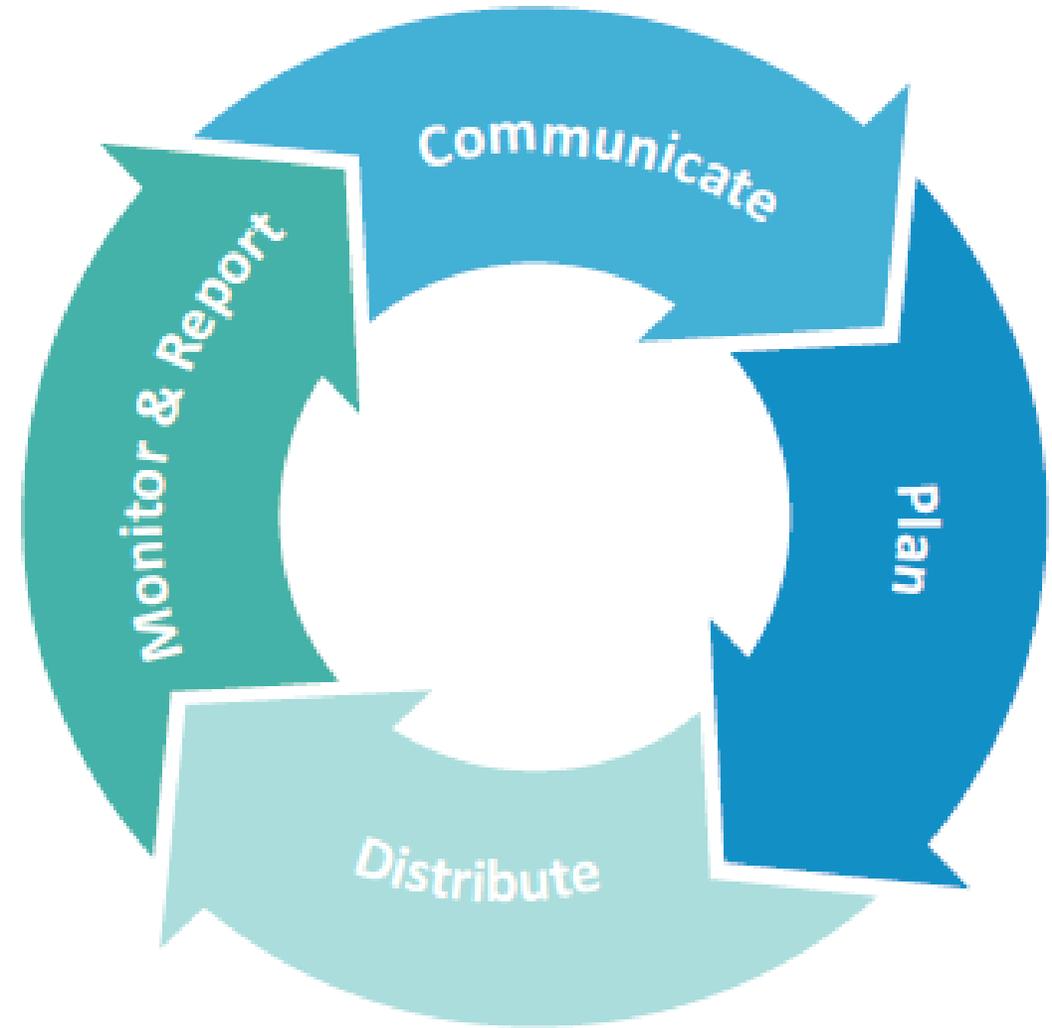


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- Communicate
- Plan
- Distribute
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# KEY COMPONENTS - Communication

- Instill confidence in the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Provide timely, accurate, and relevant information to NWT residents.

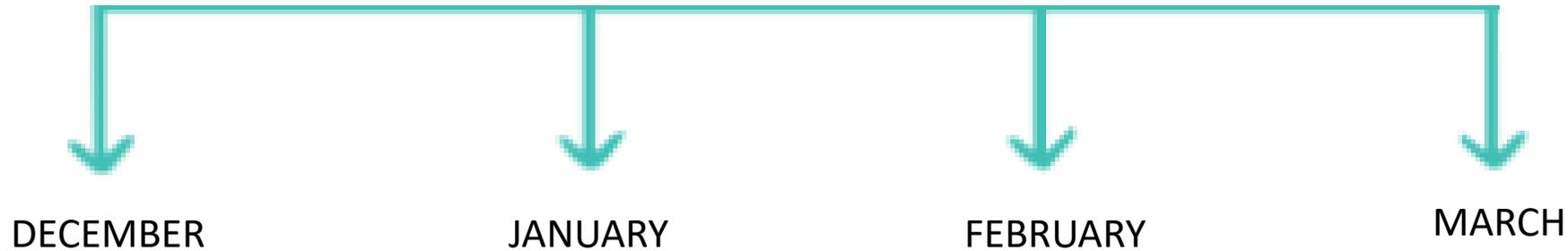


# KEY COMPONENTS - Planning

- Ensure vaccines are distributed in a timely, culturally respectful, and efficient manner while maintaining vaccine integrity.
- Prioritize those at risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19 and those at high risk of importing COVID-19 to the territory.



# KEY COMPONENTS - Planning



- Moderna mRNA
- 51,500 doses arriving between January – March 2021
- Enough to vaccinate 75 percent of residents more than 18 years old
- Requires two doses 28 days apart



# KEY COMPONENTS - Distribution

- Provide the COVID-19 vaccine to all eligible NWT residents in 2021.
  - Community Engagement
  - Mobile Vaccine Clinics
  - Translation/Interpretation on site



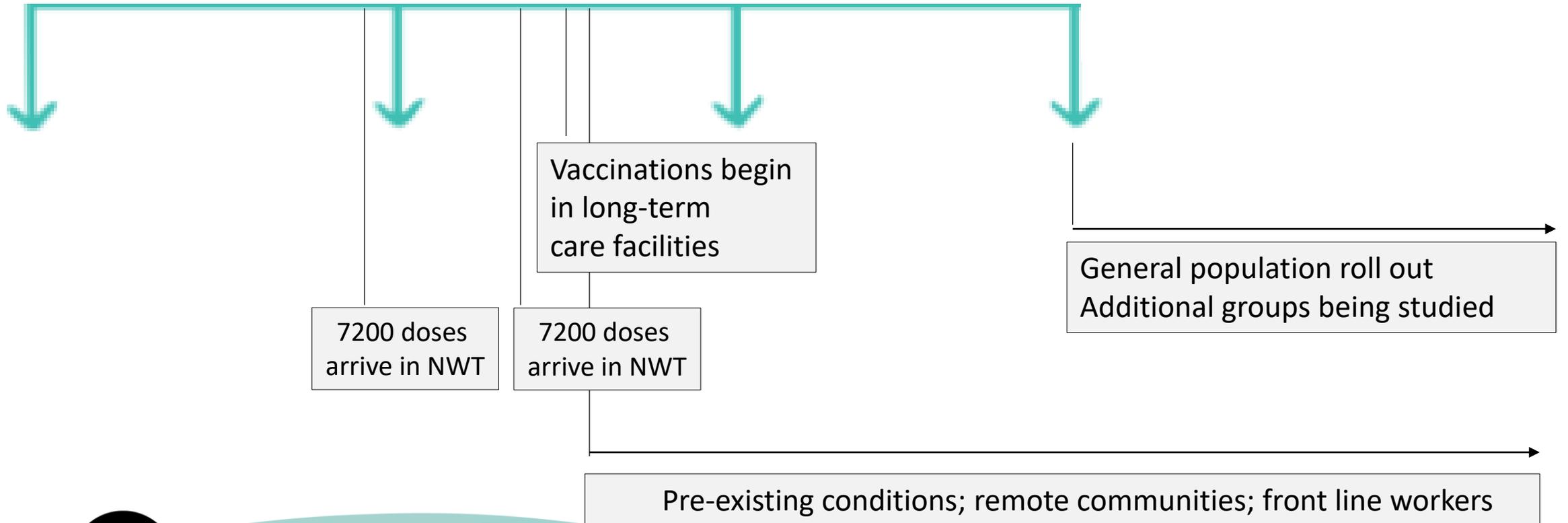
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DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH



# KEY COMPONENTS – Monitoring & Reporting



Monitor vaccine safety, effectiveness, and coverage to inform local and national decision-making.



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- Vaccine needs to be delivered/rate of infection reduced territorially, nationally and globally before lifting of Public Health measures.
  - Travel restrictions
  - Self-isolation
  - Gathering rules
- Measures will be reviewed and adjusted as applicable.
- Future recommendations may support vaccination for a greater proportion of the population.



# NEXT STEPS

- QUESTIONS

