

COVID-19 Facebook live update: July 14, 2021

>> I'm Pat Living with the Department of Health and Social Services and moderated for the COVID-19 update.

We are joined by Yukon premier Sandy Silver and the Chief Medical Officer of Health Doctor Brendan Hanley.

Sign language interpretation is provided by Mary and French trains -- French translation by Andre.

After speakers we will go to the phone line for questions.

Premier silver?

>> Thank you for joining us on the additional territory of the Kwanlin Dün first nation and Taa'an Kwächän Council.

I'm happy to be here with Doctor Hanley.

We are six weeks into the current Covid outbreak which continues to be a serious situation.

We lost another Yukoner this week to COVID-19.

On behalf of the government and on behalf of all Yukoners we want to send sincere condolences to the friends and families of this individual.

This is the fourth dad from COVID-19 since the start of June and the individual was unvaccinated.

This is a stark and tragic reminder of the importance of getting vaccinated.

Vaccine save lives.



Every single person that steps up and takes their shot is helping protect themselves and their fellow Yukoners and I want to thank each and everyone a few.

As of Monday 85 percent of eligible Yukoners have received their first shot and 77 have received their second shot.

Our youth are quickly catching up.

71% of Yukoners from 12 to 17 have received their first shot and 53 percent have received their second shot.

And I want to thank each and every one of you for stepping up and getting her shot.

We are protecting our friends, your family, members of the community at large.

These numbers are encouraging but we need to get them higher.

You can get your shot if you haven't already.

The clinic is open at Whitehorse Tuesday to Friday for all ages with a youth clinic from three to five and at the Ross River school.

There is the clinic in Dawson city tomorrow at the community Health centre and there will be a clinic in Watson Lake on Friday and at the community Health centre there.

You can find more information and that information is available on YUKON.ca.

I want to thank all the leaders in the community who talked about it and encouraged others to do the same.



We've had a great wonderful opportunity to have grantees Peter Johnston and Kwanlin Dun chief Doris Bill join us for updates.

They been getting the message out as well about how important it is to keep Yukoners safe.

There are leaders in every community across the territory that have been spreading this message and we owe a debt of gratitude to them.

The vaccines are keeping the territory safe.

And we need to recognize it's not going to go away anytime soon.

All we can do is take the steps to keep each other safe and protect the health and safety of all fellow Yukoners and the most critical step is get vaccinated.

More people to get vaccinated the safer it'll be.

Other steps following safe six plus one and washing your hands and maintaining physical distance.

, self isolate as required on quality gathering guidelines.

Masking up is important.

The current outbreak is targeted the unvaccinated so far but we know it has to spread because people are not following the safe six plus one on the help us contain the spread of COVID-19 especially staying at home if sick.

We have a self-assessment tool online, if you have symptoms please use the tool.

We have increased testing capacity and have made it more accessible and you can find information on YUKON.ca.

We have been deploying rapid testing teams to detract and contain the spread.

I want to thank every partner that has helped.

We are seeing a slow, but steady, decreasing cases.

More than 300 individuals have recovered over the last six weeks including young children that tested positive a few weeks ago.

I'm happy to say the situation with the youngest Yukoners has stabilized.

We asked parents to keep their children home to help ease the burden on daycares as we worked with operators to stop the spread and this has been successful and following the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health daycares can welcome all children again starting Monday.

I want to thank all the daycare operators for working with our public health officials over the last few weeks to address the spread.

Thank you.

I also want to thank all the families for their patience as we deal with the situation.

And it has not been easy for anyone.

And resources have been stretched thin.

The federal government approved the government's request for assistance to support the COVID-19 response, additional public health professionals are here and more are coming.

They are coming to the territory to help with contact tracing to ship laboratory equipment and personal protective equipment as well.

This will boost the testing and contact tracing capacity and didn't sure we can continue to provide critical support and critical social supports.

And I want to thank public service Minister Bill Blair and health Minister Patty Hajdu and Northern affairs Minister Dan Vandal for approving this request.

I want to thank our provincial partners who have been providing support in our time is need.

And I know my officials and I are extremely grateful we can count on the support of Canadians as we deal with this unprecedented pandemic and thankfully our case count is coming down.

And we were in a much better position as a result, organize gathering sizes can return to 200 individuals inside and outside providing -- provided social distances maintained and masks are worn indoors.

And we know on organize gatherings pose a greater risk to spread especially when unvaccinated individuals are involved.

If you were socializing with fully vaccinated people the risks are quite low and it's okay to return to group sizes of 20 indoors and 50 outdoors.

If you are gathering with unvaccinated people you need to stick to the six.

Each of us have a role in keeping territory safe because our individual decisions impact the health of everybody in the community.

Doing your part to contribute is important as we emerge from this pandemic.

Doctor Hanley will provide additional details about the current situation in a moment.

As I say we are getting to a better place.

Our daily case count has been decreasing and the vaccination uptake rates are increasing and that's exactly what we need to see.

We are confident we are getting through this and if this trend continues we will be lifting the state of emergency.

And that means all restrictions introduced under the civil emergency measures act in response to COVID-19 will be lifted and we can focus our efforts on recovery.

Each and every one of us has a role to play in getting there by getting vaccinated and following the safe six plus one that's what we're urging Yukoners to do and that's what's going to get us there.

So please continue to do your part and engage and encourage others to do the same.

We are all in this together and will get through this together so thank you very much.

Doctor Hanley?

>> Thank you premier.

Good morning.

In just five weeks as we were hit with a violent wave of COVID-19 for the first time, our resiliency as a community has been tested.

Our case numbers soar to heights that no one expected as a virus swept through all corners of the territory.

Targeting those most susceptible.

In five weeks we have lost four more Yukoners and see in 38 people hospitalized and sent 13 people South for intensive care this is not what anyone had hoped for.

There is one very important thing to keep in mind.

If we did not have our current high levels of vaccination the impact would certainly have been far worse.

We have seen outbreaks and long-term facilities.

And we likely would've seen more spread and much more infection amongst our elders and dozens more hospitalized and many more deaths.

Vaccine has saved us from a worse Babe at the remaining number of people susceptible to the virus has been an open invitation for COVID-19 to enter and set up shop.

Five weeks, 414 cases, 38 hospitalizations.

It's time to take stock of what has happened.

Through these painful few weeks we have all risen to the challenge.

If there is a lesson from this time of hardship and loss it is even with high vaccination rates we cannot yet let down our guard.

That is our reality and we must continue to act with the appropriate measures to carry us safely through.

For the status of cases as of yesterday there was 93 active cases of COVID-19.

317 people have recovered, four Yukoners have died since the wave began in June and six since the onset of this pandemic.

Our daily case numbers have dropped in recent days from a high of over 20 today, to now just a few.

As of yesterday the numbers of people in hospital, 38 people had been admitted to hospital and 13 have had to be amended fact out of territory for further care.

Three people remain in hospital in Whitehorse.

Of our 13 people medevac doubt 11 were unvaccinated.

One of the vaccinated was evacuated for nonCOVID reasons and the other was an elderly citizen.

Of our four deaths three were unvaccinated and one was partially vaccinated.

Of 38 people hospitalized just four were fully vaccinated.

Of the cases since June 1st 86 percent are those who were unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and 13 percent were fully vaccinated.

It's expected that in a large wave with lots of virus and many vaccinated adults around you will see fully vaccinated people getting infected.

It's simple mathematics that when you have those conditions that is a natural consequence.

It is almost as if there are too many vaccinated people standing in the way as the virus seeks its targets but the majority of these people have mild symptoms and recover quickly.

Vaccination means a 90 percent reduction in your risk of infection and your risk of serious disease.

It's not 100 percent so you should proceed with confidence but recognize and certain circumstances you still can get infected.

If you were unvaccinated there is very little room for escape.

You must follow all current public health measures closely and without room for error.

If you are unvaccinated it is likely eventually at this virus will find you because we know that this pandemic is not yet over and won't be for a number of months to come.

This outbreak is fuelled -- this particular outbreak was fuelled by the Gamma are P1 variant with 240 cases and counting connected to this strained.

We know the Delta variant is gaining traction in the United States and most other Canadian jurisdictions.

I expect there will be other variants that make their way here that we know little about.

The good news is the vaccines are proving to be highly effective against the current variants which provides us with the best path forward.

If you have not yet received your vaccine, please do so.

This virus will continue to take any opportunity that is provided to infect as many Yukoners as it can.

It does so with all the easier view unvaccinated.

Our case count may have stabilized but this does not mean the risk has gone away.

We are grateful that relief has come to some extent from generous individuals in other jurisdictions around the country.

Our workforce is still tired and stressed.

Incoming relief of nurses and social workers and testing staff and lab and support workers will be welcome.

Recovering from a large wave such as this will take time and our workforce needs to rotate through some well deserved rest before fall arrives.

Even as we work our way through this current wave we must all work together to prevent the next one.

That means ongoing vaccination observance of current public health measures including safe six and masking and self isolating and getting tested.

Since I was here last week I'm happy to report the cases associated with daycares are under control and most cases have recovered.

I know these weeks have been difficult for parents families and daycare operators as they have had to respond to these exposures.

Their responses are rapid adoption for many to seek alternative ways to care for their children.

From many vistas met on short notice.

Your efforts have shown as our situation is now well contained.

Therefore I'm pleased to add to the premier's comments around the daycares and with them under control I recommend daycares transition back to full capacity as of Monday July 19th.

Parents can feel confident and returning their children who are not symptomatic, of course,, to daycare as of Monday.

As children transition back we continue to ask all staff to wear a mask while interacting with children to prevent any possible transmission.

Recognizing once again the importance of daycares staff not going to work sick and we will ask all operators to ensure staff understand and acknowledge the consequences of coming to work while ill and operators will be advised to ensure staff our screens daily and all staff should monitor for symptoms and not work.

Though our situation have substantially improved it's important to remember we are not done yet.

This wave has hit as hard.

Even with our vaccination rates that are the envy of the world it is clear enough people are susceptible to the virus that our systems can be overwhelmed.

How do we prevent this happening again.

How do we recognize that the difference in risk between vaccinated and unvaccinated people is about tenfold?

We need to recognize those who are vaccinated can gather more safely than those who aren't.

If you are vaccinated mixing with other vaccinated people the risk of acquiring COVID is very, very low.

If you were unvaccinated and mixing closely with other unvaccinated people the risk is higher but that is lowered when other public health measures are maintained.

It's in recognition of this combination, vaccination and adherence to public health measures that I now make the following recommendation.

For organize gatherings I recommend, this may resume to the May 25th limits with close adherence to current measures.

200 indoors and 200 outdoors'.

This applies to organized events in public settings funerals weddings and other ceremonies.

For in former salt -- informal social gatherings is important to play close attention to vaccine status.

You're own status and others with whom you mix.

If you are mixing with unvaccinated people continue to keep contact small, stick to six.

When everyone is vaccinated you can continue to gather up to the current limits of 20 indoors and 50 outdoors.

The written rules have not changed under Cima since May 25th.

The temporary pause in larger social gatherings is no longer longer necessary if you and your companions are fully vaccinated.

When unvaccinated people are in your group I recommend you stick to six and take it to heart.

It is important that we continue to align our public health measures with where we see the highest transmission risk.

We have been seeing some vaccinated people taking a heads but we are primarily seeing spread through social networks and gatherings of mostly unvaccinated individuals who are partaking or who did partake in organize gatherings.

For the time being I still recommend if you were unvaccinated you should stick to six and keep your contact small and consistent.

Knowing what gatherings are safe to attend and when to stay at home will require practice assessing our individual risk will become a tool that will become more usable.

Things such as age.

The presence of symptoms and vaccination status, overall age of medical conditions, health and medical conditions, size of gatherings weather inside or outside, how well ventilated, how familiar the context is, if masks are worn, all of these are factors

that can be weighed into the pros and cons of attending an event or venue.

It will be how full to think through these things before deciding whether to attend a party or community event or even a dinner with friends.

By asking key questions before going to a party or a small get-together we can provide that peace of mind and curb potential transmission.

It may feel awkward to pop the question can I ask if you are vaccinated and perhaps if we get close to 95 percent or higher uptake the question will not be as relevant but for the time being I invite you to consider the vaccine status of those you mix closely with and think through those other factors that may lead us to a situation to be higher or lower risk for transmission.

I hope that we can bring you tools for personal risk assessment.

Like the premier I am pleased people are continuing to come forward for first doses and our 12 to 17-year-old youth have responded magnificently to the call to get immunized.

The uptake numbers are truly impressive and at the same time we know from this experience that you prevent another wave that could be even worse we need to continue to decrease the size of our susceptible population.

We can't vaccinate the under 12 -year-olds but if we can get our 12 plus population to 95% and maintain that goal the numbers will be substantially smaller.

Think of it like this.

The number of Yukoners age 12 and over is 37,000.

About 28,000 have received what was doses of vaccine.

Fantastic progress.

That still means about 9,000 people susceptible to infection.

And if we have a wave that will affect 500 people we would have to go through the same wave 18 times before everyone gets infected.

I'm not sure anyone wants to go through this even once.

With 18 times number of people who die for who require prolonged intensive care.

But if we can get to 95 percent uptake that would be 35,000 people vaccinated leaving 2,000 susceptible.

You can get the idea how much harder it would be for the virus to overwhelm us again if the pool was that small.

These are the goals that we need to set to emerge from this emergency.

A high vaccine uptake and careful adherence to whatever stage of the pandemic measures we are in.

That means we can gather but we must gather with care and stay away from workplaces and other public settings when sick.

We must get tested and safe six plus one must stay in place until we can look forward to the next steps towards the end of the emergency and towards living with COVID risk.

COVID is here to stay and we must use the hard lessons learned from these past few weeks to learn how to manage the year forward and more.

That's it for today.

Be kind and stay patient and stay strong and stay together.

And stay well.

Thank you.

[Speaking Indigenous Language]

[Speaking French]

>> Pat: We will now go to the phone lines and begin with Luke from CK RW.

>> Reporter: I am wondering if you anticipate something like a mask mandate being slowly altered as opposed to being removed all together as we move towards the possibility of more restrictions being lifted?

>> I think what we will see and I think it comes back into that risk assessment is I think masks should always at least four years to come be a tool that we keep but eyes see -- I would anticipate we move away from masks as a mandatory measure to a tool that we use based on risk assessment for certain settings.

It maybe -- for instance the touch of indoor gatherings where you maybe unfamiliar with the circumstances, you aren't sure about the ventilation or vaccine status, and you are there for a while, maybe a mask would be inappropriate thing to do.

Maybe a mask as in many Asian cultures, if we can rule out active COVID infection but there are mild symptoms presence may be a mask will be a handy tool we use to prevent general rest by Victoria spread so I think we will get smarter and more selective about where masking makes sense and keep people comfortable with using a mask rather than making it a government mandate.

>> Pat: Do you have a second question Luke?

>> Reporter: Just the one.

Thank you.

>> Pat: Haley from YUKON news.

>> Reporter: For my first question, before the most recent outbreak we did not have that many COVID cases comparatively and now that we have more as a government doing anything to attract possible cases of long COVID or continuous symptoms and if their support for those people?

>> It is an area I think that we need to take up more actively and systematically.

It's not an area that we have foremost surveillance for but of course we have a close medical network including the pediatric colleagues so it is something that is quite easy to attract.

We don't have as of yet reported cases but is also not a reportable disease and the definition still needs to be defined as what constitutes long COVID.

It's evolving in terms of fits the definition of long COVID.

I think -- it is important we keep it on the radar and with the rest

of the country re-establish mechanisms for definition and surveillance.

If symptoms occur about might be compatible with long COVID.

And the best treatment for long COVID is prevention.

With vaccination.

>> Pat: Do you have a follow question.

>> Reporter: I'm trying to square the twah to my messages, pharaohs caution required and it's still important to follow other public health advice with the news we might see the state of emergency and day next month.

Can you clarify what the criteria would be for ending the state of emergency?

Do cases need to be down to zero.

If you could provide more detail.

>> With the ending of the civil emergency measures act and the state of emergency therein, that would mean all of the restrictions will be lifted.

As far as how we move forward as we go from relief to recovery, it's not a magic number necessarily, what we've been hearing for over a year and a half now, I'm sure Doctor Hanley wood have more on the specifics about what would be concerning moving forward on outbreaks.

>> I agree, it's really looking at a whole transition in to a new way of living with COVID so it doesn't mean we need to have zero cases.

We do have a criteria and the path forward for being able to move forward.

And we are confident in the public health capacity and the ability to task and importation risk is under control.

And cases are manageable.

It does not mean we need to be necessarily to zero active cases.

We have all of the mechanisms in place and we feel confident that we are confident to handle the impact of additional and, you know, when there's no more CEMA it doesn't mean we don't have tools.

It means we are integrating COVID control into our normal way of handling communicable diseases with the additional tool of vaccination.

Is using those tools we have always had for communicable disease threats in terms of information and surveillance, the flexible use of public health measures that might be on more of an individual basis combined with recommendations from myself and my office and those abilities to search resources.

We have many tools going forward in looking forward to living with this ongoing threat.

Bouts we will get to a state where we no longer need the heavy hammers that have been afforded to us.

>> Pat: We will move to Amy from the Canadian press.

>> Reporter: I'm curious given you are giving slightly different recommendations on personal gatherings depending on your vaccination status I'm curious about if you consider doing the

same for organize gatherings and if you think it's equally say for unvaccinated people to gather groups of 200 with masks as it is for those who are vaccinated.

>> I think the keyword is organized and really what we've oh is try to make us diction between is informal and -- informal being spontaneous social, backyard or in-house gatherings amongst friends and allowing for that normal need for us as humans to gather without necessarily having a plan and a list and all the organizational aspects that go into the more formal types of gatherings.

Clearly and organize gathering of say 200 people and all of them are fully vaccinated and be much more comfortable with that.

And I'd be much more comfortable being as low-risk as possible when combined with the other measures.

This is why we have the requirements in place for the other public health measures.

If you get into making distinctions between vaccinated and unvaccinated people there are many other considerations in terms of verification and equity.

How which you actually monitor or control who becomes a holder of that information so she make things simple and workable the concepts of organize gatherings are the more people vaccinated the better.

There are these other measures in place for expected adherence to public health measures as those additional layers of protection and risk reduction.

>> Pat: Do have a second question?

>> Reporter: I think this is for the premier.

Jason Kenney has says he will advocate for the border to open during his next conversation with the Prime Minister.

Given you are looking ahead at ending the state of emergency next month will you do the same?

Or are you hoping for some certainty for the tourism industry?

What you're position on the border?

>> We've been advocating for the safe opening of the border for a while now but again we've also been advocating for more symmetry when it comes to the two nations about going back and forth and I spoke with the governor yesterday and let him know and Minister Bill Blair was asking about runoffs and communities like Eagle Alaska, Haynes Alaska, Skagway have huge family connections.

Yukoners have assets and families and friends.

That conversation if you are considering one offs you should be looking into these and I know a lot of jurisdictions are the ones that have similar concerns about specific individual communities.

And we have been definitely having lots of conversations over the last few weeks about when and how making sure the communication is done properly with the provinces and territories.

We have a conversation with the Council of Federation and with the first ministers meeting and we assume based upon the information that each region has been giving, we will hear the results of those conversations.

Each of the premiers have done a fantastic job of taking to the federal government not only their clinical point of view but it's what their chief medical officers of health have been saying about what it means to open those borders.

I can't reiterate how important that is and we will see what happens tomorrow.

>> Pat: We will move to Tim from the Whitehorse star.

>> Reporter: Good morning.

My first question is about this new goal of getting 95 percent of people vaccinated.

How do you propose to do this?

These are the more hard-core resistant people to the vaccine.

Are you going to need a different strategy?

>> It's an aspirational goal I will say and we just need to see if people will take up the gauntlet and if we can get there.

These have been a sobering few weeks and I think a lot of people have paused to take a look and understand the impact a wave of COVID can have on a small jurisdiction.

I think that has provided some additional incentive.

But I do think it's time to look at all possibilities.

I think we can look for other ways we can outreach, we can engage with the public on what is needed or what will work for them but it's time to look at what have we not done yet that other jurisdictions have found successful.

I think it'll take some collective action from the community and from government.

And at this stage while we congratulate ourselves on how far we've gotten, look at how do we leave the way for the next 15 or 20 percent.

>> I would echo that but also best case scenario is 100 percent vaccination.

We won't get there.

Doctor Hanley has mentioned he believed there is about 5 percent of the population who for medical reasons can't get vaccinated so 95 percent is the goal of all those that are hesitant.

What you will see in Yukon and across Canada and internationally is a shift from government regulations and restrictions and enforcement in a shift towards an onus on individual responsibilities.

That's where the new normal is going to go.

The fact that we have people who want to get vaccinated but can't force a medical reason is being taken into consideration but it makes it all that more important that everyone that can get vaccinated do so.

This is how we will protect everybody in the community.

Leadership is not just elected officials, it's in every single community and having that conversation at your dinner table and talking about the new normal.

This virus will actively seek out those who were unvaccinated.

And we are going to go as a nation and as the world to a place where the restrictions are being left in the responsibilities of the communities are going to be really important.

>> Pat: Do have a second question?

>> Reporter: This is for the premier.

With more and more Canadian jurisdictions embracing the idea of a vaccine passport or rejecting it where do we stand here in the Yukon?

>> We have talked about how if you were unvaccinated and travelling into the Yukon or returning, and your requirements if you are vaccinated versus not, how you don't need to self isolate.

That's where we are right now.

What we are seeing is across the country as we lift these government restrictions, we will be in a place where the need for an internal passport will be gone.

We presented on the national stage as the jurisdiction that's ahead of the curve about concerns about having that system set up and if it's going to happen or necessary how it would make sense to have a unified system so there's less confusion but as you do notice, we are seeing a complete lifting of restrictions.

And we need to lift our restrictions and the concept of an internal passport will be less necessary.

>> Pat: We will now move to Julian from CBC.

>> Reporter: I have a couple questions about the vaccination rate goal.

The word is 95 percent but vaccination uptake varies by community and in Whitehorse comparably.

Can you address what will be done for the communities where vaccination uptake is concerned.

The ideal is that it's not just 95 percent but it's a uniform 95 percent.

Because we are able to decrease the susceptibility of any pockets of unvaccinated people including communities with low vaccination uptake.

We are continually working with and engaging with communities and have supported all the communities through this -- whether or not they have had cases.

Most communities had had cases and we been right there with them with our conversations, one to one conversations with chiefs and mayors or through chief and Council or through their communication contacts.

Just staying in touch and making sure their questions are answered and I will frame that rapid testing support.

We are there and we have seen renewed interest around vaccination and some of these communities and we will continue to plug away.

I think that's a renewed effort, what are we not doing that we could be doing.

And what we could be doing.

Just continuing to engage.

And recognizing part of it is patients and sometimes long processes of building trust and building confidence.

And part of our work has been helping communities get prepared for the what if.

But if there was widespread transmission.

How do we work together.

I think you have seen through contact tracing and through case isolation we have managed to contain spread.

We do have all the other tools as well and we will continue to work side-by-side to protect them when there is a threat.

>> Pat: Do you have a second question?

>> Reporter: This one is best answered by Hanley and you touched on loan COVID earlier.

And my question rips off of that.

Have you looked in to the propensity for reinfection creeds is at work happening in the Yukon?

Can you address that point?

>> It's about the relationship between long COVID and reinfection.

I think -- I couldn't give you specific information on that.

Clearly long COVID's understudy as is the whole immunology of infection and how long that lasts.

The characteristics it enables.

And enable shorter are longer term protection against COVID once infected.

And previous infection does protect against further infection as to whether long COVID alters that I can't think biologically of a reason why but perhaps there is something that is understudy.

It's not something we don't have the clinical scientific capacity.

And it's a subject of research at academic centres who have that capacity for following long COVID but clearly we will look forward to learning from research between immune status and ongoing presence of symptoms.

>> Pat: We will now go to radio Canada.

[Speaking French]

>> Andre: At this point given your objective of 95 percent vaccination for first and second doses, in Europe right now there's a lot of people talking about a third round of vaccination, is a something you are considering.

[Speaking French]

>> Would you like me to...

>> Pat: Yes, please.

>> It's about booster shots.

And there are at what was stories.

First is getting the most people possible the first watch was doses, dose one and dosed watch what of Moderna and that's the priority effort.

There will almost certainly be in need and we are in discussion with national counterparts and we will eventually await

recommendations at national level through the national advisory committee.

For the third -- a third or a booster dose of vaccine.

Many considerations if it's the same schedule for instance older people versus younger people that could well be different based on the estimated durability of immunity which is an ongoing study in itself.

How long to those doses give us reliable immunity.

>> Pat: To have another question?

>> Reporter: No.

>> Pat: Marion.

>> Reporter: Yes.

This is for Doctor Hanley.

[Speaking French]

>> Reporter: Your recommendations for unorganized gatherings, does it include children less than 12 years old.

[Speaking French]

[Speaking French]

>> Andre: There are more and more events where they require proof of vaccination to allow people to come in.

'S is something you are looking into for the Yukon?

[Speaking French]

[Speaking French]

>> Pat: May I ask you to repeat that in English.

>> The eternal question of vaccine passports for attending local events, I think it's an area that many pros and cons let's say and I think the priority for us in our jurisdiction is to get to a high and uptake so it becomes a moot argument and I think it's important to be talking about life after the emergency.

And it gets back to the personal risk assessment and some more important tool.

When we are no longer look in to a time when we won't have orders and public health restrictions.

To me it's not compatible with the way we are going when we rely on individual responsibilities as a premier spoke about and the push to get as many people vaccinated.

>> Pat: I'd like to thank everyone for their time today.

The date and time for the next update will be announced early next week.