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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Eastern Health Holding AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD Vaccination Clinic for Residents 55 to 64

March 31, 2021 – St. John's, NL: Eastern Health is advising that it will be holding an AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccination clinic for residents aged 55 to 64 on Thursday, April 1, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clinic is being offered to use a limited amount of vaccine which is set to expire this week. COVISHIELD is the version of the AstraZeneca vaccine being used in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Newfoundland and Labrador public health officials paused the administration of the COVISHIELD vaccine for adults under age 55 on March 29, 2021. This decision was based on new guidelines from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, which cites European reports of rare instances of vaccine-induced prothrombotic immune thrombocytopenia (VIPIT) in people four to 20 days after receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine. For more information, please click [here](#).

Health Canada reviewed the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine and stated the benefits in protecting Canadians from COVID-19 continue to outweigh the risks and encouraged Canadians to get immunized with any of the COVID-19 vaccines that are authorized in Canada when they are eligible.

Anyone residing within the Eastern Health region who is aged 55 to 64 is eligible to attend. Individuals do not need to preregister for this clinic, although an appointment does need to be scheduled. To book an appointment for this clinic, please call (709) 752-4184 or (709) 752-4183.

The public is reminded that they should not schedule an appointment for a vaccine if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Instead, complete a COVID-19 Assessment and referral by clicking [here](#).

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, please visit [Health Canada](#). For up-to-date information on the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19.

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