

# Indigenous Self-Identification Verification Guidance



**Purpose:** Given that Indigenous adults have been identified as priority population in Phase 1 of the COVID 19 vaccine strategy, some organizations may choose to implement a verification process for Indigeneity. Indigenous population refers to peoples Indigenous to Canada.

**When would I use this?** If proof of Indigenous ancestry should be required for a health service, this document provides a suggestion for a verification strategy.

**Who should use this guidance?** Organizations planning and holding vaccination clinics can use this guide as part of the registration process. It applies to both mass vaccination as well as Indigenous specific vaccination clinics.

**IMPORTANT:** Typically, self-identification is voluntary and does not require any documentation. As such, IPHCC suggests a flexible approach to verification to reduce the risk of excluding Indigenous peoples that do not have identification that confirms their Indigenous status in Canada.

## RECOMMENDED SAMPLE PROCESS:

Should you wish to identify, please complete the following:

### I identify as:

First Nation (Status/Non-Status)  Metis  Inuit  Other

(Provide details, for example, do you prefer to self-identify according to your nation or other description? If so, please specify (Examples may include but are not limited to: Anishnawbe, Cree, Haudenosaunee, Ojibway, Inuk, Cree-Metis): \_\_\_\_\_

### Complete all that apply:

To uphold traditional protocols of identifying family kinship, if you do not have formal ID that shows your ancestry, you can provide the First Nation, Inuit community or Métis settlement that your family is/was attached to, as indicated below:

FN Status Number: \_\_\_\_\_

First Nation Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Lives on Reserve:  Yes  No

**Note:** those that live on reserve are exempt from the delayed second dose and are to receive their second dose after 3 weeks vs. 16 weeks, as per ministry direction.

Métis Nation Citizenship Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Métis Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Inuit Land Agreement Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestral Community: \_\_\_\_\_