



# COVID-19 VACCINATION IN MANITOBA

## TASK FORCE UPDATE

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# MANITOBA IMMUNIZATION PLANS



The Manitoba government is following a '*safety first*' policy to ensure our health care system and vulnerable populations have the maximum protection possible.

## EXPERT ADVICE

- Public Health Agency of Canada, National Advisory Committee on Immunization, manufacturers – following guidance to provide first and second doses on the clinically-advised schedule.
- National Advisory Committee on Immunization - following advice on priority populations

## VACCINE DELIVERY MODELS

- Preparing for large-scale deliveries once vaccine scarcity is addressed



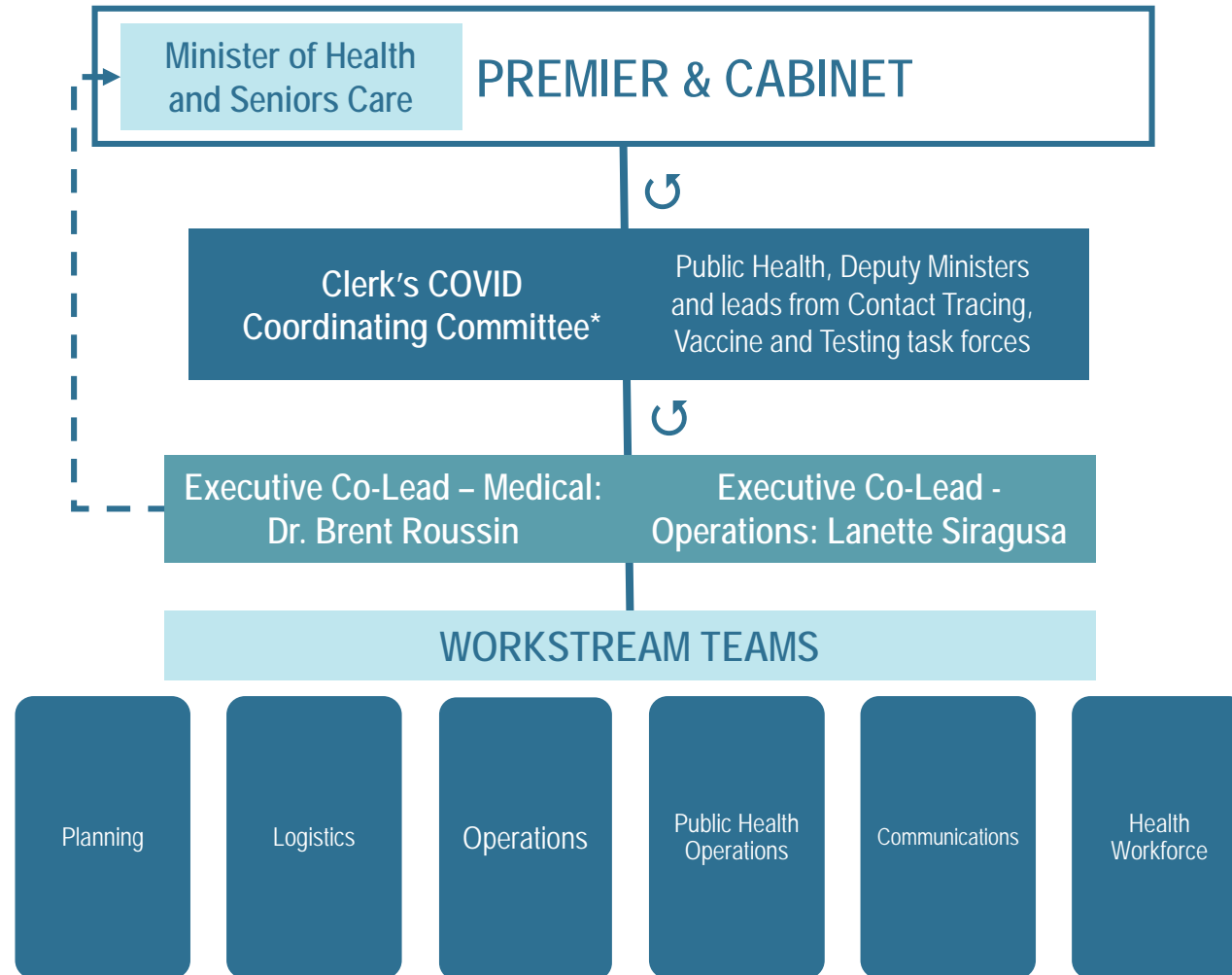
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## Vaccine Immunization Task Force - Structure

# COVID-19 HEALTH INCIDENT COMMAND GOVERNANCE



Manitoba's COVID-19 response has been based in a health incident command model that is supported by EMO, Shared Health and public servants across government.

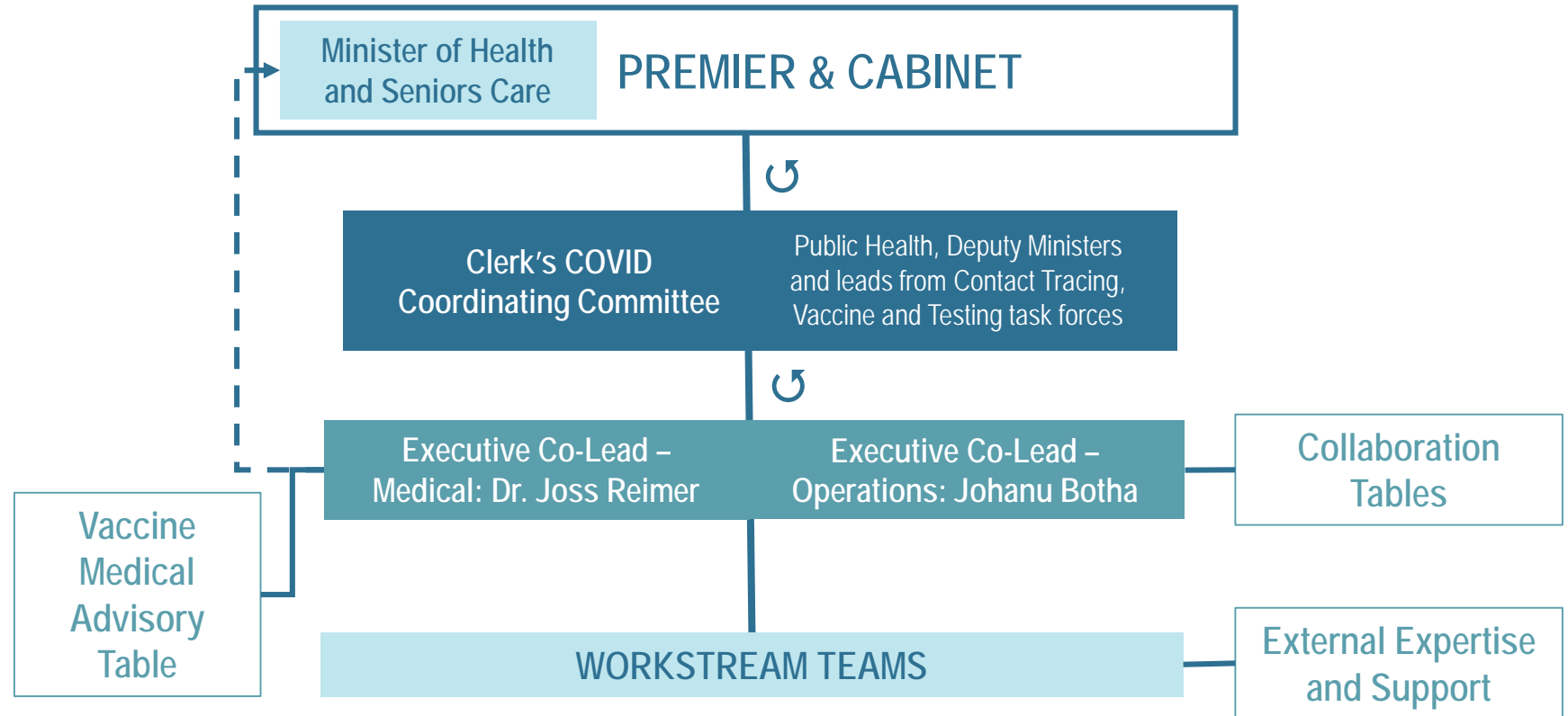


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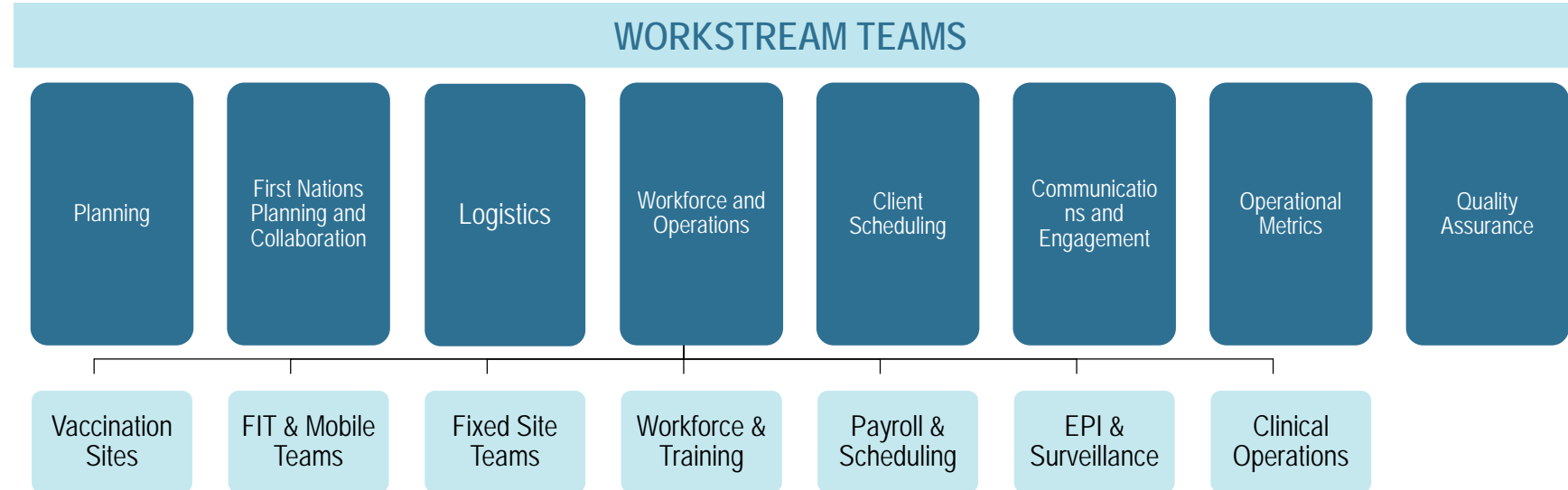
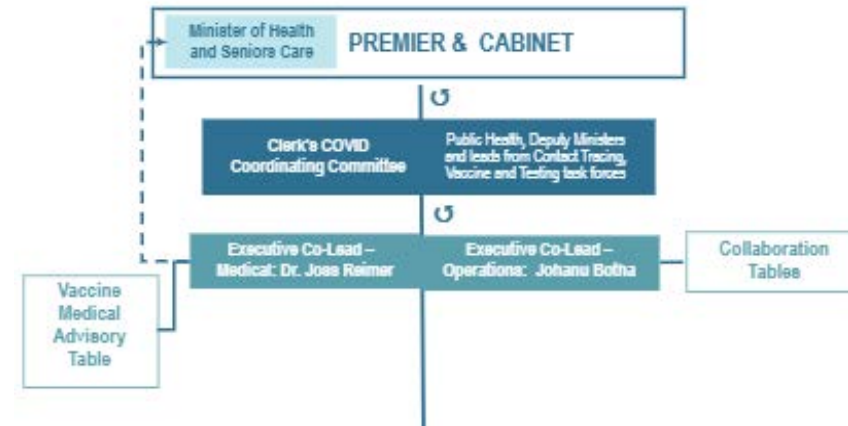
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# TASK FORCE WORKSTREAMS



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- **Planning** - research, analysis, prepares options for decision-making.
- **Inter-jurisdictional Relations** - participates in the Federal, Provincial and Territorial committees on vaccine rollout and immunization
- **First Nations Planning and Collaboration** - works with First Nations representatives to consult and coordinate on vaccine allocation, communications and logistics.
- **Logistics** - logistical and procurement expertise for coordinating receipt of the vaccine deliveries, procurement of freezers and all other equipment and supplies for the clinics, First Nations communities and mobile Focused Immunization Teams (FITs)
- **Workforce and Operations** - responsible and accountable for workforce planning, recruitment, training and ongoing operations of supersites and FITs
- **Client Scheduling** - coordinates the identification of priority population with the call centre for the scheduling of appointments
- **Communications and Engagement** –public and stakeholder communication strategies and materials including vaccine promotion and target community outreach
- **Operational Metrics** – monitors the performance of the vaccination campaign
- **Quality Assurance** - improve efficiencies at clinics and risk management to plan for potential disruptions

Team members bring a range of expertise to the table, including medical oversight, public health, data analytics, real estate services, procurement, distribution, information technology, communications, organizational management and project management.

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## WHO HAS JOINED THE TEAM?

- More than 50 public servants have been assigned to the Vaccine Implementation Task Force
  - More than half are redeployed from various departments (Agriculture and Resource Development, Conservation and Climate, Finance, Central Services, Families, Civil Service Commission)
  - Staff from Health and Seniors Care have been redeployed to the task force or participating as a part of their regular public health work
- More than 20 people have been seconded from Crown corporations
- More than 1,700 people in place to support the immunization campaign.
  - 1,100 new hires in the Winnipeg, Prairie Mountain Health, Interlake-Eastern, Southern Health – Sante Sud and Northern health regions
  - 600 people assigned from regional health authorities



# EXTERNAL SUPPORT



The VITF is working with several external third parties to bolster internal resources.

- **Canadian Armed Forces** - planners and leadership bring significant planning and logistical expertise
- **Transportation logistics** – shipping companies, air transport to address complex shipping requirements
- **Human resources** – surge capacity to address timeframes for hiring large staffing numbers
- **Dashboards** – skilled experts process and validate raw data incorporated into dashboards
- **Training** – deliver critical immunization courses to ensure trained workforce
- **Call centres** – appointment scheduling



## Vaccine Medical Advisory Table

The VITF works with experts to provide appropriate guidance and advice

Sets medical and clinical guidance for procedures to safely administer vaccines to Manitobans.

Includes 27 physicians from a broad range of specialties, a pharmacist and two nurses.

Another eight physicians, one nurse and four pharmacists provide advice on the distribution model for future vaccines, particularly those that can be stored and distributed in locations like pharmacies or medical clinics, similar to Manitoba's flu vaccination campaigns.

# COLLABORATION WITH DOCTORS AND PHARMACISTS



Working with Manitoba's network of physician and pharmacist flu vaccination partners to prepare for distribution of future, more stable vaccines.

- Three vaccines are currently in development that could be approved by Health Canada in the future. Approval dates and supply volume of these vaccines remains speculative at this time.
- According to Canada's current supply estimates, these vaccines represent **up to 684,000 doses (approximately 45 per cent), of all doses projected for Manitoba in the second quarter of 2021.**
- While some might be similar to Manitoba's annual influenza vaccination campaign, this will require additional resources.
  - This includes inventory management, information technology and greater connectivity to provincial vaccine public health information technology systems to ensure patients receive an appropriate second dose of the same vaccine within the prescribed time periods, as required.
- Consultation is underway to ensure logistics are stable in advance of roll-out.

# COLLABORATION WITH FIRST NATIONS



The Manitoba government, First Nation health experts and the federal government have formed an advisory and planning group to ensure that allocation, distribution and prioritization of vaccine for First Nations is informed by First Nations data and led by their chosen representatives.

## FIRST NATIONS COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TEAMS

- Tripartite First Nations Planning & Integration Table
- First Nations Logistics Table (subset of Tripartite Table)
- Indigenous Vaccination Communications Working Group

First Nations are at significant risk from COVID-19 and Manitoba's collaborative approach has been a critical component of our effort to rollout vaccines where they are needed most.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Collaborative planning
- Offered joint training, access to best practices, communications partnerships
- Deployment of doses, planning for future deployments



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