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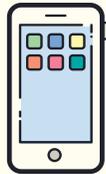


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STAY TUNED!



Welcome to SK - Newcomer App



Immigrant Women of Saskatoon (IWS) has officially launched the Welcome to Saskatchewan App. This is the first app focused on making it easier for new Canadians to connect to their new home in Saskatchewan. This App provides newcomers with a detailed path to building a life in Canada and helps navigate pre-arrival, arrival, and life in Saskatchewan.

“We know that getting to Canada is one thing, but successfully integrating into the community is what makes newcomers really feel at home,” says the Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. “This new app that the International Women of Saskatoon has developed will ensure that newcomers to Saskatchewan have all the information and support they need right at their fingertips.”

The app includes document checklists, access to supports and resources, and guidance on language and employment. If you are new to Saskatchewan, or know of someone arriving soon, check out this new app, and don't forget to get connected with your local settlement organization as well!

The app is FREE on the Apple Store and Google Play.

2021 Canadian Census

The 2021 Census has been adapted because of COVID-19 and will be conducted in the safest way possible. Filling out your census online is quick, easy and secure. Your responses will help plan services that support employment, education, public transportation and hospitals in your community.

The 2021 Census is mandatory. Statistics Canada will follow up by phone and then may visit in person (following health and safety protocols) for households that have not yet completed their questionnaire. Have questions or need help understanding the Census? Contact our office and we would be happy to help or to lend you a laptop to complete the census online.

You Can Still Learn Over Summer Break!



Worried about losing your language skills over summer break?

Regular LINC (Melfort) and Conversation Circles (Nipawin, Hudson Bay, Tisdale) will break after June 18th and start again in September. But don't worry - Cumberland College Language Program can set you up with options over the summer to keep you learning even while language classes are on break. Contact your teacher (or our office) for more information on summer options or how to register for fall.

Summer in Sask.



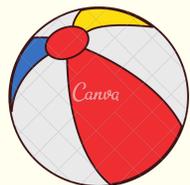
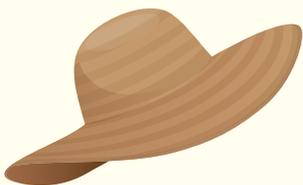
This year, with restrictions lifting, it is time to explore around the community and province. Make sure to check up-to-date restrictions and COVID case counts before travelling or making any summer plans.

In Saskatchewan we love summer. We fight through winter to enjoy a few months of gorgeous weather. If this is your first summer here, you may be surprised how warm it actually gets! Over the next few months you will experience beautiful sun, intense thunder storms, and see the famous canola crops start to flower bright yellow.

Here are some tips to enjoy a safe and exciting summer here in Saskatchewan:

1. Wear sunscreen while out in the sun - even on cloudy days as you can still burn.
2. Always pack a hat when planning to be outdoors and dress in layers, as the days may be hot, but the evenings get cool again.
3. Mosquitoes and ticks are annoying insects that can also be dangerous - avoid areas with long grass, and learn how to safely remove a tick from a human and a pet.
4. We have so much space here! Feel free to explore, but stay aware of where you are. It can be easy to get lost when every tree in the forest looks the same.
5. We love our wildlife here in Saskatchewan, but keep an eye out for animals on the road. It is also not safe to try and get your picture with a wild animal - let them be free.
6. Most communities have pools and we are close to many natural lakes for swimming. Enroll your kids in swimming lessons to make sure they know how to safely be in the water. Purchasing a life jacket that fits properly is important as well. Are you interested in swimming lessons for adults? Let our office know!

Have questions about what to do during the summer? Contact our office. We would love to help you plan some local sightseeing.



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Re-Opening Roadmap

A three-step plan to gradually lift the current public health orders as Saskatchewan reaches significant vaccination levels.

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
Three weeks after 70% of people 40+ have received their first dose, and vaccine eligibility is 18+	Three weeks after 70% of people 30+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 1	Three weeks after 70% of people 18+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 2
40 AND OLDER TARGET 70% VACCINATED	30 AND OLDER TARGET 70% VACCINATED	18 AND OLDER TARGET 70% VACCINATED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restaurants and bars open, maximum six at a table 30% capacity or 150 people (whichever is less) at places of worship Group fitness classes can resume, with three metres between participants Limit of 10 people at private indoor, outdoor and household gatherings Limit 30 people at public indoor gatherings Limit 150 people at public outdoor gatherings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain physical distancing No table capacity for restaurants and bars, must maintain physical distancing or barriers between tables 150 person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, libraries and recreational facilities Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings and household gatherings Remaining restrictions on youth & adult sports will be lifted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most remaining restrictions will be lifted Guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking is still being developed Public health orders from Step Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized
Expected Timeline 		
<small>*Subject to change if vaccination targets are not met</small>		

StickItToCOVID.ca

Saskatchewan

We are in Step 1 of the Re-Opening Saskatchewan plan with Step 2 scheduled for June 20. This means that SOME restrictions have been lifted. Read the full plan at stickittocovid.ca

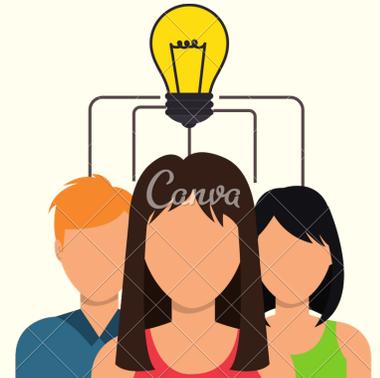
If you haven't received your vaccination yet, don't worry, you can still get it! Contact your local pharmacy (ages 12+) or book through the online booking system by simply Googling "Sask Vaccine Booking". Check often to see when you may be eligible for your SECOND dose as well. Get all your vaccine information here: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine>.

Tell Us What You Want To See

Is there something you would like to learn more about?

- Financial Benefits and Credits
- How to write a resume and have an interview
- Get your children involved in activities
- Meet new people, etc.

We want to hear from YOU. Tell us what you want to know more about, programs you think we should have, or things that would help make Northeast Saskatchewan feel more like home.



Do you know a newcomer in your Northeast community, or are you a newcomer yourself? Contact the NNS office to see what settlement services we can provide.

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