

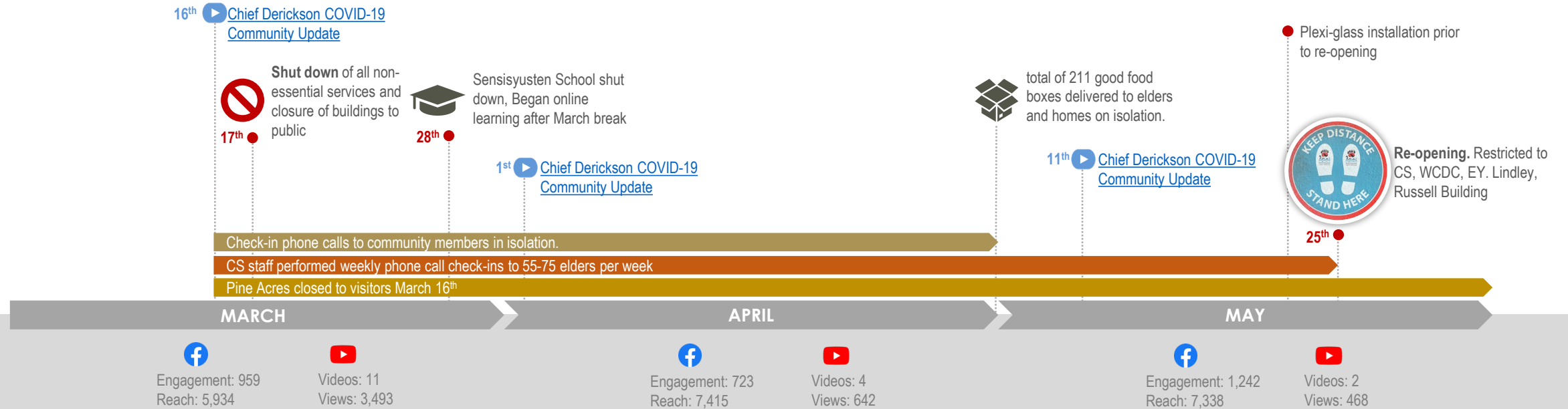


Westbank First Nation

COVID-19 RESPONSE TIMELINE

2/14/2022

2020



March 2020: *Global Pandemic Declared*

16th **Media Release:** Response to COVID-19, events cancelled / offices remain open

16th Launched wfn.ca/covid19.htm

17th **Media Release:** Response to COVID-19, cancelled all non-essential government services and programs and closed offices to public

18th **Media Release:** WFN ensures business continuity and regular employee compensation

23rd Letter was mailed to Members, noting a one-time WFN/Ntityix COVID dividend to be issued Apr 3rd, and also noting that care packages are being delivered to Elders and those most vulnerable

Trading Post closed

23rd Launched WFN COVID-19 Business Impact Survey via EcDev

25th Xpress (open until Apr 10)

April 2020: [Video Updates from Chief Derickson – April 1, 2021](#)
[Video Updates from Chief Derickson – April 2, 2021](#)
[Video Updates from Chief Derickson – April 10, 2021](#)
[Video Updates from Chief Derickson – April 27, 2021](#)

1st-30th Nurse Practitioners saw 48 clients

1st-30th Meal prep for vulnerable members including some elderly and home-care clients twice a week. total of 846 meals.

3rd WFN Government in partnership with Ntityix Development, issue a one-time COVID dividend

6th Launch COVID Billboard along Hwy 97

6th Council Resolution re rent increases, notices to end, and all other Residential Premises Law related hearings have been administratively deferred until further notice

16th **Media Release:** WFN takes steps to assist residents during COVID-19 pandemic

23rd **Media Release:** WFN extends property tax deadline to September 30

29th **Media Release:** WFN extends property tax deadline to September 30

May 2020: [Video Updates from Chief Derickson – May, 5, 2021](#)
[Video Updates from Chief Derickson – May 12, 2020](#)

1st-31st Nurse Practitioners saw 40 clients

12th **Youth (12+) Pop-up Vaccine Clinic**

15th EcDev Xpress released to businesses with various info on WFN's phased reopening & COVID resources

22nd Health Team Hand washing video

25th Community Services Reopens - Appropriate signage and sneeze guard installed, foot traffic management signage, enhanced cleaning measures

25th WCDC Reopens

Video Updates from Chief Derickson & Staff:

- [March 16](#)
- [March 17](#)
- [March 18](#)
- [March 19](#)
- [March 20](#)
- [March 23](#)
- [March 25](#)
- [March 26](#)
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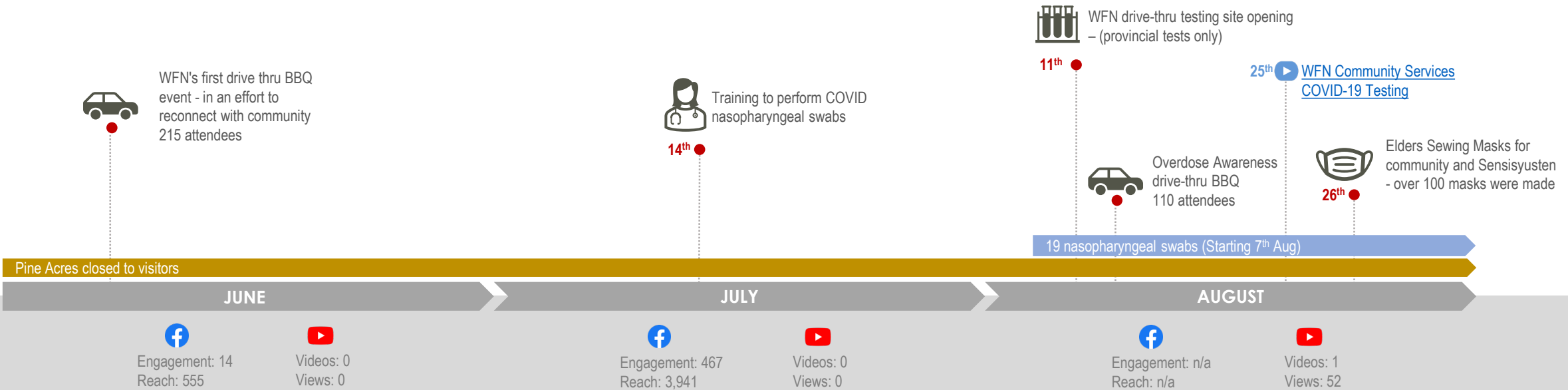


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June 2020:

- 1st-30th Nurse Practitioners saw 51 clients
- 1st Lindley Building Reopens - Appropriate signage and sneeze guards installed, foot traffic management signage, enhanced cleaning measures
- 15th Youth Centre Reopens, along with Early Years
- 18th Skatepark and Sportcourt Reopens
- 25th Museum Reopens

July 2020:

- 9th [Media Release: WFN Eases COVID-19 Restrictions for Tenants and Landlords](#)
- 21st [Video Update from Chief Derickson](#)
- 23rd [Video Update from Chief Derickson](#)

August 2020:

- 25th [Video Update from Council & CS](#)
- 28th Cancelled WFN's September AGM

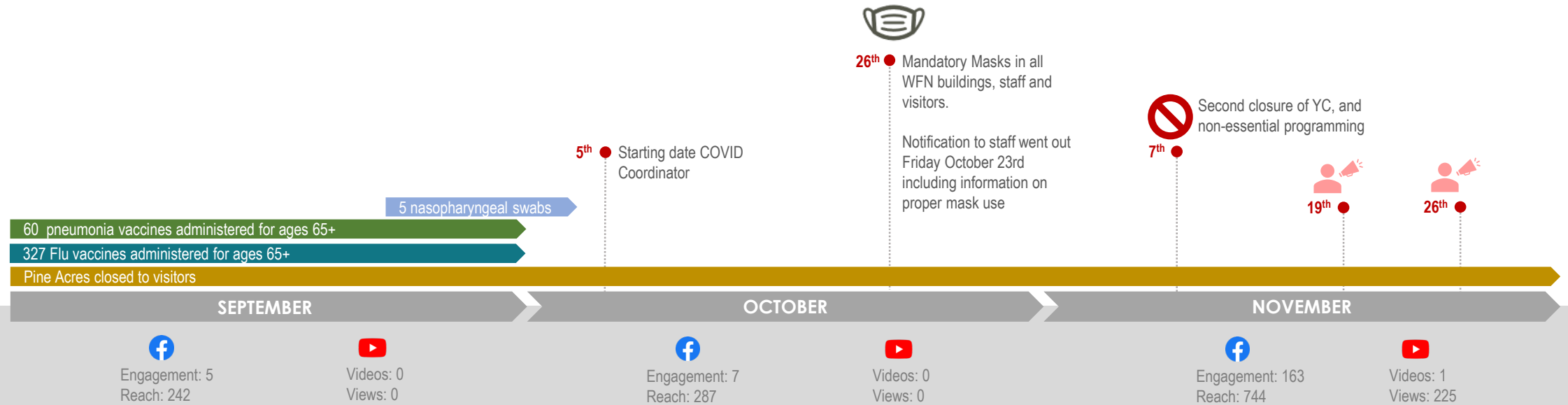


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2020

Department Head COVID-19 Update



September 2020:

- 22nd Launch "Virtual AGM" videos (ongoing for couple weeks)
- 23rd **Media Release:** WFN Continues to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions for Tenants and Landlords

October 2020:

- 23rd Announce to staff to start working from home again where possible.

November 2020:

- Catherine Mutter appointed as WFN's COVID Coordinator
- 4th **Media Release:** Masks Mandatory at WFN Buildings and Facilities
- 20th [Video Update from Chief & Catherine](#)
- 20th Youth Centre & Programs shut down; all community events & gatherings cancelled
- 20th Outdoor drive-through testing site set up at Community Services
- 23rd Second Billboard Campaign launched
- Ongoing** Department Head COVID-19 Updates. Scheduled weekly every Thursday morning at 0900 (occasional Friday). Stopped during the vaccination clinics and then have started up biweekly on Thursday morning at 0900.

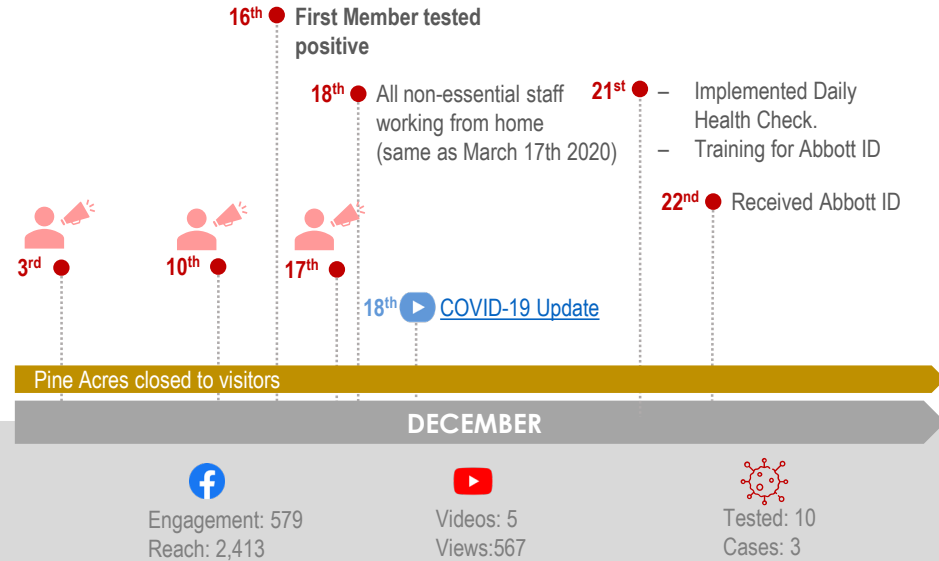


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2020

Department Head COVID-19 Update



December 2020:

- 3rd **Media Release:** WFN Extends Rental Increase Freeze to July 1, 2021
- 17th Two positive COVID results at WFN facilities/giftstore/museum
- 18th Close Lindley Building, Community Services, School & WCDC
- 18th Established COVID Response Team including Council to meet every 12-24 hours to review the situation.
- 18th – 23rd [Daily Video Updates from Chief Derickson](#)
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- 21st Informal Council Meeting with Members
- 23rd Implement daily health checks for staff entering WFN buildings
- 23rd Informal Council Meeting with Members

Abbott ID Now - Rapid Testing Machine



Highlights:

- Receive results in 15 minutes, we are now able to initiate contact tracing sooner. This has been key in identifying positive cases and limiting the spread.
- WFN nursing staff received complete training in abbott ID Now Rapid Testing machine
- Partnership with Pine Acres to provide rapid test to staff, as needed, to protect our elders.
- This machine helped us the most during the month of December and January as we saw a spike in cases on reserve.

NOTE: COVID-19 was also raised as an Agenda Topic at all General Membership Mtgs (once/3 mths) and EDC mtgs (once/2 mths)

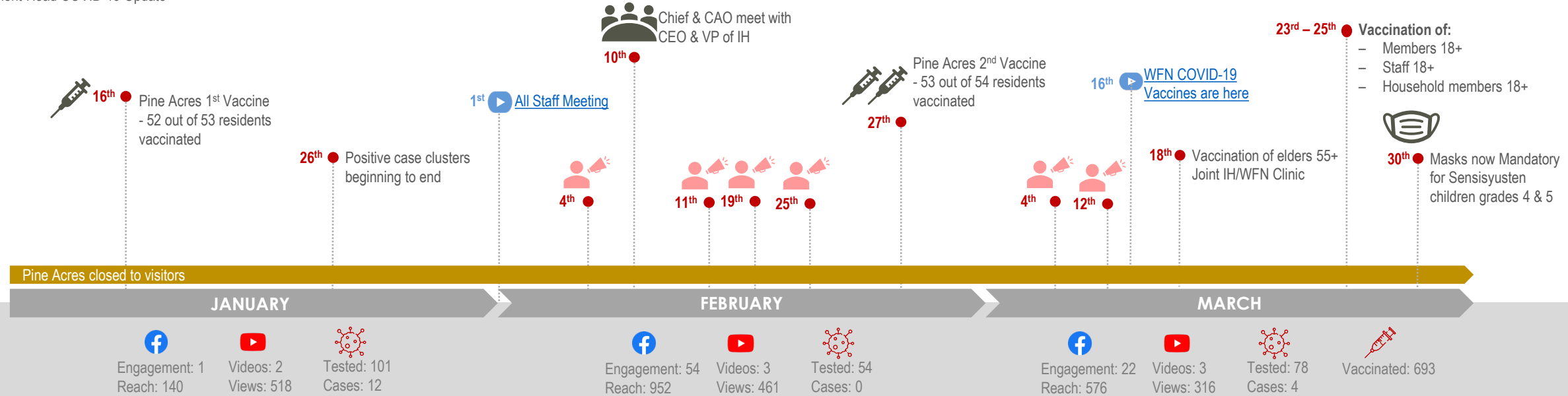


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2021

Department Head COVID-19 Update



January 2021: Vaccination Strategy Created

11th WFN facilities re-opened, staff continue to work from home where possible

28th & 29th [Video Updates from Chief Derickson](#)
[Video Updates from Chief Derickson](#)

***11 of 12 of the positive cases were asymptomatic when tested

February 2021:

1st Informal Membership Information Meeting with Council via Zoom

1st WCDC, Afterschool Program and Nityix closed

2nd Launched COVID Response Framework

3rd Distributed COVID contact cards and magnets to Membership

12th [Video update from Chief Derickson](#)

March 2021:

10th [Video updates from Chief Derickson](#)

16th [Covid-19 Vaccines are here video shared on YouTube](#)

29th [Working Together video shared on YouTube.](#)



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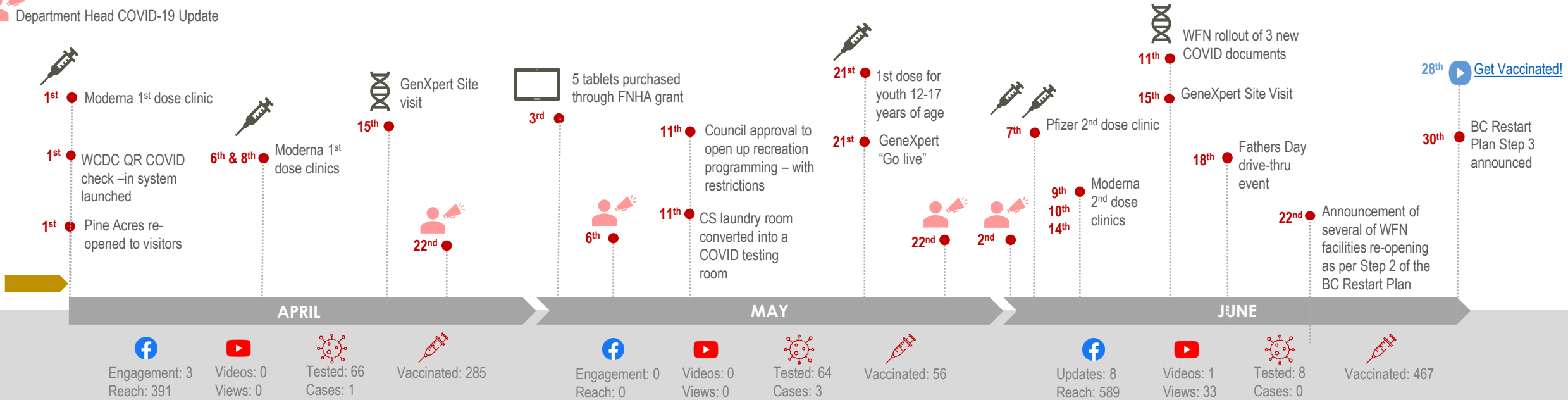
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2021



Department Head COVID-19 Update



April 2021:

- 1st: 84 doses given
- 1st: WCDC now utilizing current sandbox app as a paperless daily COVID check-in using a QR code scanner.
- 6th: 97 doses given
- 8th: 104 doses given

May 2021:

- 3rd: Tablets purchased for members to connect virtually/assist in accessing mental health services
- 11th: Council approve the following recreation programs:
 - Skateboarding Lessons
 - Outdoor Bootcamp
 - Outdoor Yoga
- 11th: Renovation final report submitted - All renovations completed within a 3-week period.
- 20th: [WFN Facilities Update](#)
- 21st: 56 doses given to WFN youth
- 21st: FNHA partners & WFN met milestones for launching a "go live" date

June 2021:

- 7th: 177 doses given
- 9th: 290 doses given
- 11th: WFN rollout of 3 new COVID-19 documents (Timeline, Dashboard, & Overview)
- 15th, 18th & 25th: Updated COVID Dashboard posted to WFN Membership Facebook page
- Updates from WFN CEO
- 15th: Sneewips Heritage Museum offers virtual tours
- 22nd: Facilities re-opened include Ballfield (booking advised), Elders Hall (open), Gymnasium & weight room (booking required), Multipurpose room (Open)

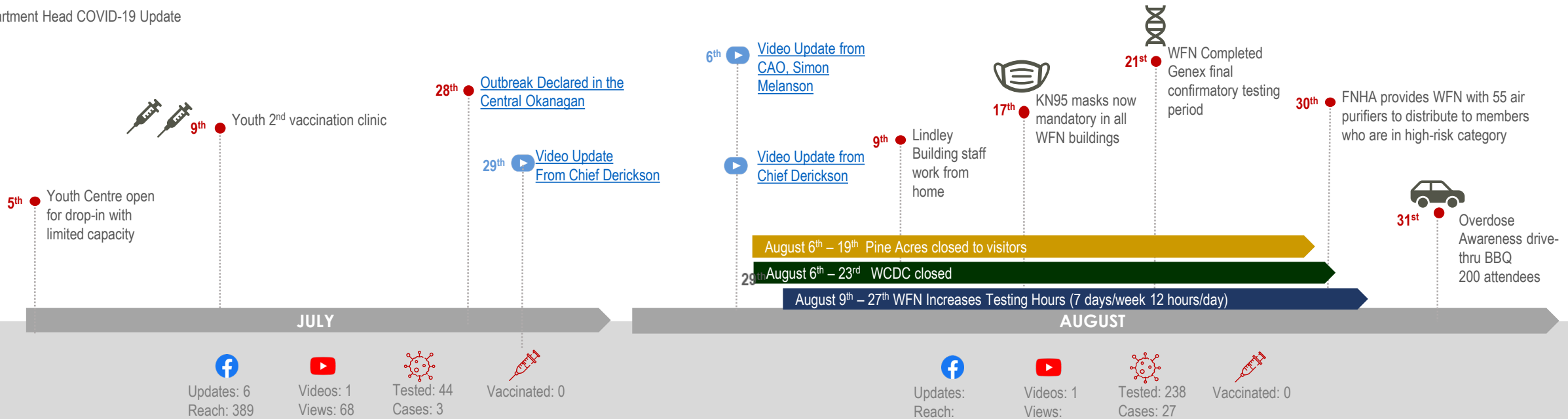


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2021

Department Head COVID-19 Update



July 2021:

- 2nd Updated COVID Dashboard posted to WFN Membership Facebook page
- 29th New restrictions in Central Okanagan due to declared outbreak
 - Masks are mandatory
 - Travel out of Central Okanagan not recommended for those who are unvaccinated.
 - Any large gatherings are recommended to take place outdoors only

August 2021:

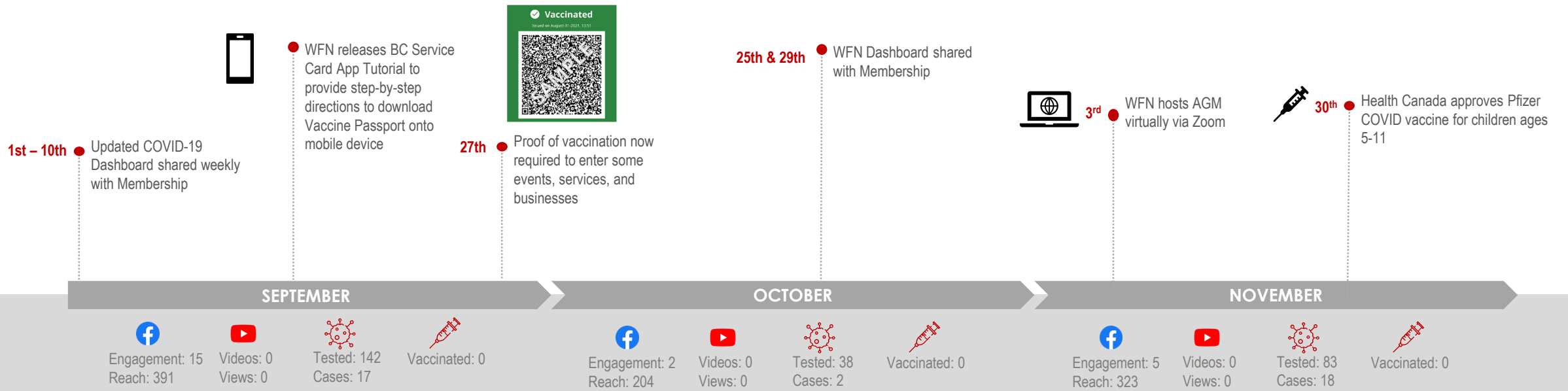
- 1st Covid-19 updates issued in the WFN Newsletter
- 12th [Covid-19 Community Update](#)
- 18th [Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic Community Update](#)
- 21st WFN Community Services completed the monitoring period and now operate as a testing facility; independent of other labs.
- 27th [Covid-19 Testing information](#)



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2021



Sept 2021:

- 1st - 10th** Updated COVID-19 Dashboard is shared with membership daily – after Sept 10th it is shared Weekly
- 8th** Updated COVID Timeline posted to WFN Membership Facebook page
- 8th** WFN releases BC Services Card App Tutorial BC Services App Tutorial is updated and shared with Membership
- 27th** Proof of vaccination is now required to enter some events, services, and businesses.

October 2021:

- 25th - 29th** Updated COVID Dashboard posted to WFN Membership Facebook page

November 2021:

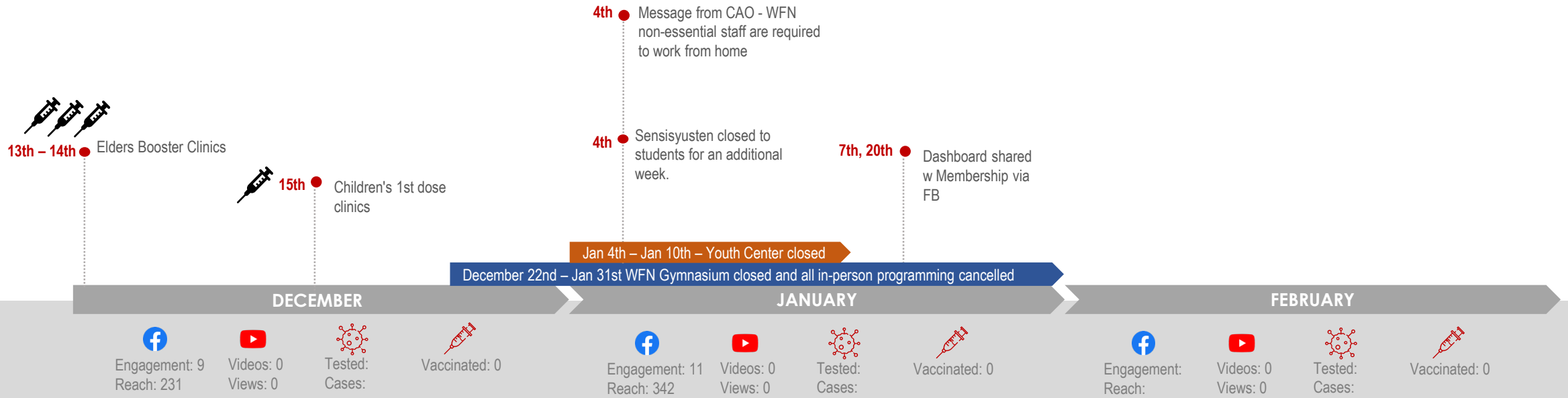
- 3rd** WFN hosts the Annual General Meeting virtually via zoom
- 12th** WFN begins to see an uptick in cases (12 active) update via social media is provided to Membership via social media.
- 22nd** WFN notifies members of upcoming Booster dose clinics
- 30th** Health Canada approves the Pfizer COVID vaccine for children ages 5-11



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2022



December 2021:

- 13th – 14th** 129 booster doses given to elders 55+ and their households.
1 adult 1st dose given
1 adult 2nd dose given
- 15th** 17 first doses given to children 5-11 years of age
- 22nd** In alignment with the Provincial Health Order, WFN has closed its gym and fitness center and cancelled in-person programming from December 22, 2021 – Jan 31, 2022
- 22nd** [Fitness Centre closure and Program Cancellation News Article](#)

January 2022:

- 4th** Sensisyusten school re-opening after Christmas break is postponed until Monday January 10th. Teachers use this time to prepare a strategy for online learning, if needed.
- 4th** Updated Message from CAO – all staff who are able to work from home are to do so .
- 4th** [Omicron Variant Update News Article](#)
- 19th** [Omicron Variant Update News Article](#)
- 20th** [Staff unable to provide COVID testing at full capacity News Article](#)

February 2022:

3rd

*liml@mt,
Thank You*

GeneXpert



Highlights:

- GeneXpert machine generates results in 1 hour – 4 tests simultaneously
- Allows us to generate the equivalent of Provincial lab results in-house. We now do not have to wait for confirmation of positive tests from Interior Health.
- Partnership with First Nations Health Authority to convert laundry room to COVID testing room and in collaboration with WFN nursing team met the required milestones to launch “go live” date.