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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Family Culture Day Camp

"Culture enhances our quality of life and increases overall well-being for both individuals and our communities," explains Judy Sugar, Piapot Health Services Director.

Piapot Chief & Council, Piapot Health Services and QBOW partnered to host the Family Culture Day Camp from August 30 to September 1, 2021, at the Powwow Grounds.

"Our goal is to provide meaningful programming that will bring families together and enhance their quality of life," says Alphonse Obey, QBOW Culture Liaison.

The three-day event featured cultural activities such as a pipe ceremony, hand games, and teachings of the teepee, meaning of the drum, naming ceremony, and a community feast. Other fun activities included family karaoke, BBQ, horse & wagon rides, and entertainment by comedian Tonia Jo Hall.

"Initiatives like this help to heal our people and bring us together as a community. Even though we aren't out of the woods with COVID yet, we must be mindful of the impact it had on all of us. It was a tough year for us, and an event like this speaks to our spirits and reminds us of how strong we are as people, and that we will get through this together," explains Chief Mark Fox.  
*[See event photos pages 4 & 5]*

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## NEWS



June

Our HeadStart graduates were honoured on June 16 during their graduation ceremony which was held at the Nehiyaw-Pwat Awasisikamik (Piapot HeadStart & Daycare). Congratulations! Hours of Operation: HeadStart: 8:30am to 2:30pm – Mon-Thurs & Daycare: 7:30am to 5pm – Mon-Fri.



July

On July 1st, our Piapot boys ran from Piapot First Nation to the Legislative Building in Regina to bring awareness to our children who were finally found. Way to go!



August

Super exciting time for our Piapot youth! They had the opportunity to attend the first Rider game of the season thanks to FHQ Developments and the Saskatchewan Roughriders! To top it off, we had the pleasure of having our very own councillor, Everet Sayer representing the Treaty 4 flag!

Summer Student Work Experience Program was a complete success! The program went from July to August, and students were kept busy with the following initiatives:

- Community and Elder yard clean-up
- Community Garden Project and
- Life Skills Workshops

We also had a couple summer students working as cashiers at Creeland. Great job everyone!



Congratulations to our Piapot team who took home 1<sup>st</sup> place in the FHQ Jay's Care League this past August. The team went undefeated all throughout the tournament, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the overall standings as well 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tournament. Big thank you to Matt and Katie who helped bring our team to victory!



## NEWS



**Montana Blacksioux**  
Grade 12 Diploma  
Chief Payepot School



**Aaliyah Lavallee**  
Grade 12 Diploma  
Chief Payepot School



**Alicia Sugar**  
Grade 12 Diploma  
Chief Payepot School

### 2021 Highschool/ABE Graduates Attending Post-Secondary This Fall

Jaylene Arcand-Carrier, SIIT  
Durele Fourhorns, FNUUniv  
Kachina Kaiswatum, FNUUniv  
Rae-Lyn Desnomie, FNUUniv  
Aaliyah Lavallee, SK Polytechnic  
Isaac Lavallee, FNUUniv  
Desiraye Noname, U of R

### Message from the Chief Payepot School Principal Nicole Crowe



Hello families!

Another year has come and gone, and no doubt has been one of the most unusual years. With COVID in the midst, we had to take every precaution to ensure our children were safe.

First and foremost, we send a huge congratulations to our grade 12 graduates. We know this is not the ending that anyone hoped for, still it is the beginning of your next adventure. Whether you are going to the world of work, continuing your schooling, or finding yourself we hope the best for you and know you will do great things.

We were very excited to have the Chief Payepot School students returning to school starting September 7, 2021.

Students start their day at 8:45 am and are dismissed at 2:30 pm every day. Buses will be picking up students from Pre-K to 12 between 7:55 am and 8:20 am. Bus supervisors will have masks to give to children that do not have one.

Masks must be worn for all staff and students; this includes on the bus. Temperatures will be taken prior to getting on the bus.

Lunch is provided Monday to Thursday, and students may bring their own lunch on Fridays. We will have microwaves available this year for warmups. All students are asked to have indoor shoes. We will provide backpacks, school supplies and water bottles to all students.

Wishing everyone a safe and productive school year!

Thank you!

*Nicole Crowe*

## Are You a Recent Graduate?

If so, you could be eligible for a graduation incentive. To be eligible, you must be:

- A Recent Highschool Grade 12 Graduate (in 2021)
- A Recent Post-Secondary Graduate (i.e., received a certificate, diploma, or degree in 2021)

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Family Culture Day Camp Photos – August 30 – September 1, 2021





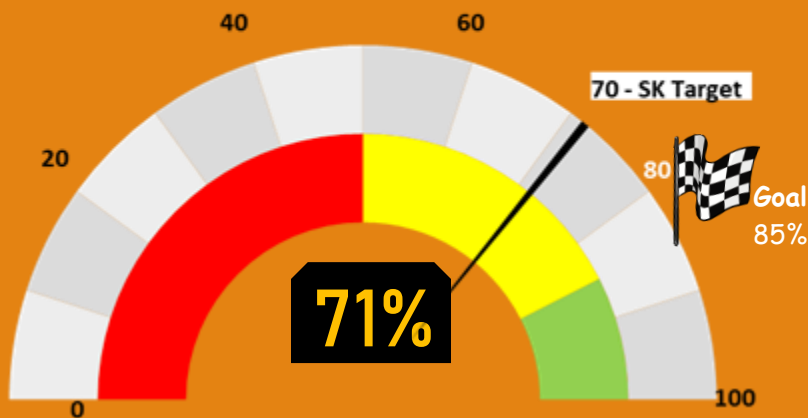
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# COVID-19 UPDATE

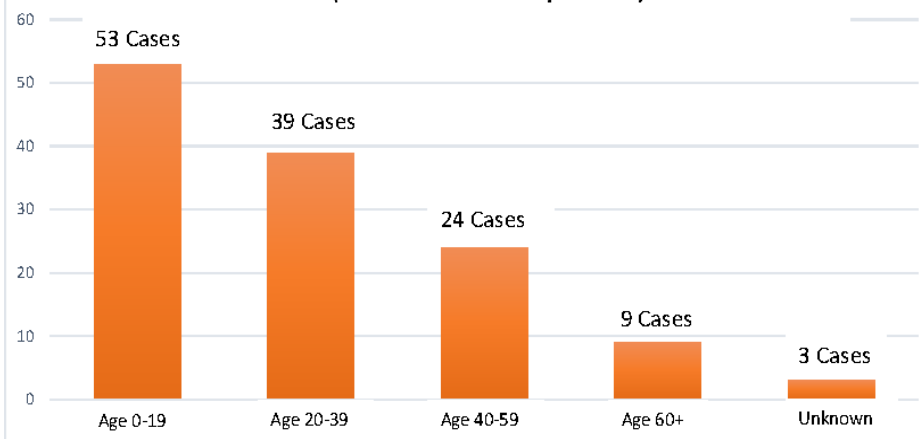
## Piapot First Nation COVID-19 Vaccine Rates



**GOAL: 85% for community immunity**

Community immunity hits the brakes on COVID-19 spread so we can see each other again safely.

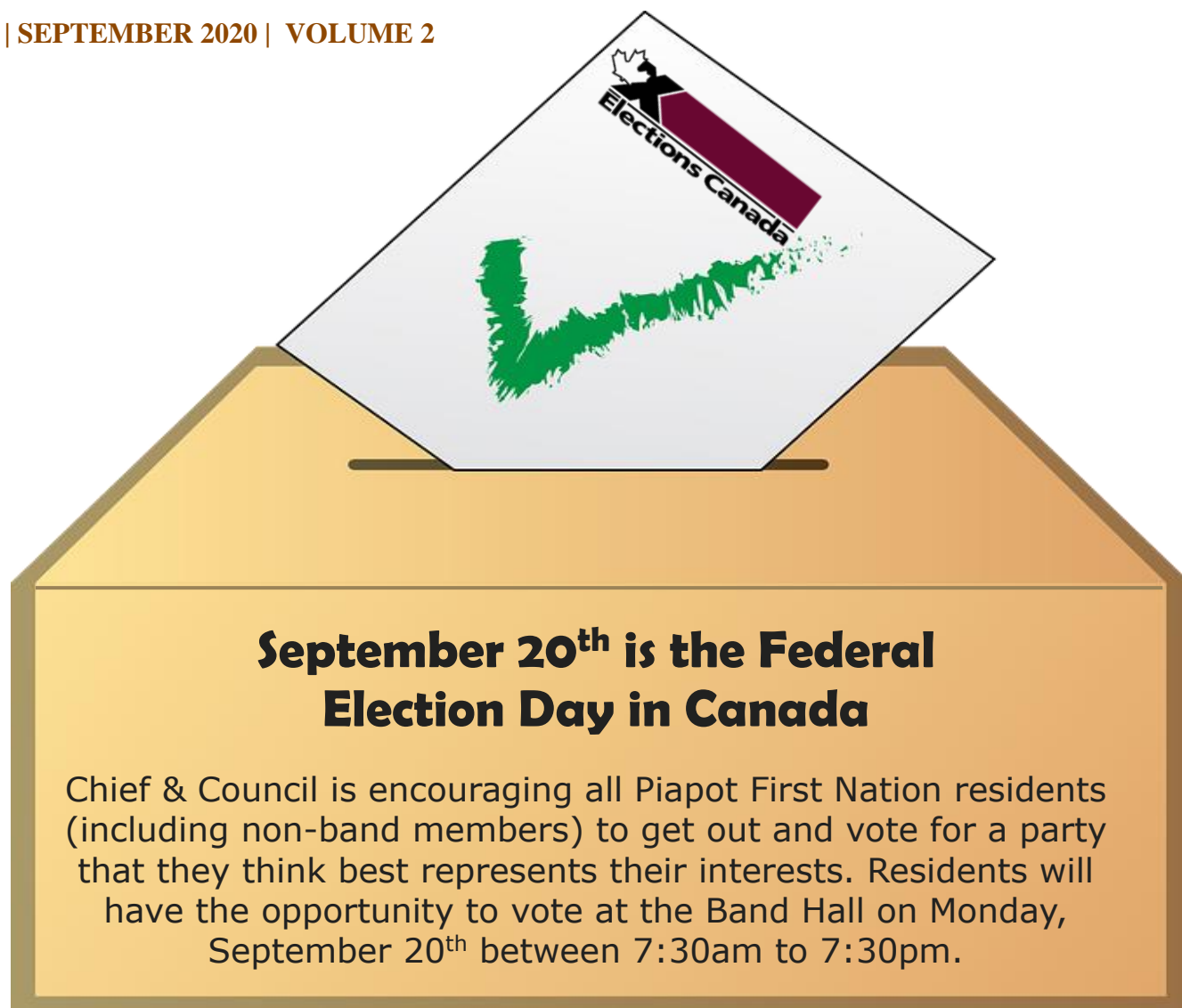
COVID Cases on Piapot First Nation by Age Group  
(Nov 2020 – July 2021)



## DID YOU KNOW?



- The Piapot community members most at risk for catching COVID are under the age of 19
- You can be fully vaccinated AND still catch COVID
- Loss of smell is symptom
- Coronavirus can make babies seriously ill
- The COVID-19 virus can live on surfaces for days
- People who don't have symptoms can spread the virus
- You may already have been infected
- Reinfection is possible
- All 3 vaccinations are 90% effective against the new Delta variant



## BALLOT

To be eligible to vote, you will need to prove your identity and mailing/home address. This can be done one of three ways:



Showing your Driver's License.



Showing two pieces of ID. Both must have your name and at least one must have your current address on it (e.g., utility bill, bank statement, etc.) Note – Members of Chief & Council will be onsite to provide a letter of confirmation of residence to use as second piece of ID.



If you don't have ID. You can still vote if you declare your identity and address in writing and have someone with you who can vouch for you. Note – Voucher must prove their identity/address and can only vouch once in this election.

## Message from Chief Mark Fox



Tân'si,

In just a few short months, our province has gone from lessening our restrictions, to a surge of COVID Delta variant cases. From what the experts say, this fourth wave could be the biggest one yet. Saskatchewan has among the lowest vaccination rates in the country, and on Tuesday (Sept. 7) the province reported its highest 7-day average at any point in the pandemic. The most at risk for contracting COVID and its variants in our community is our young people. Our most vulnerable are now the ones getting sick and ending up in hospitals. Please think about that if you are not yet vaccinated. We need to continue to mask up, wash and sanitize hands frequently and limit our trips to the city. Our next vaccine clinic is Friday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Just remember you can still catch COVID and pass it along even though you are fully vaccinated. If you suspect you might have COVID, there is a COVID Pop-Up Testing on Tuesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Even though we were dealing with COVID this past year, we still managed to get a few projects off the ground, including, the opening of the new Water Treatment Plant, the Chief Payapot Youth Centre and the Peacekeeper Program. We undertook a community garden project and managed to keep our youth engaged throughout the summer with work and the Jay's Care League. As for our community and economic development we are currently seeking an Economic Development Officer. They will be tasked with overseeing the development of the Splash Park which is set for completion in October. The head lease was just signed on our new gas bar in Prince Albert and construction is set to begin soon. Lastly, plans are currently in the works for a solar farm. Details will be coming soon on this.

Big thank you to our band staff who have maneuvered through the pandemic and transitioned to working from home with some staff continuing to come in regularly at the band office. Our staff are all heroes and have worked tirelessly to ensure our community continues to run smoothly.

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*Chief Mark Fox*

## Indian Humor

What did the buffalo say to his son as he went off to college?

*"Bison!"*

When I moved into my new igloo, I had a housewarming party... Now I'm homeless.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... She gave me a hug.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sun, Sept 5</b>	<b>Community Healing Walk</b>
<b>Tue, Sept 7</b>	COHI, Piapot Health Ctr, 10am-4:30pm
<b>Wed, Sept 8</b>	Good Food Box (CPNP), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Thurs, Sept 9</b>	Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Fri, Sept 10</b>	<b>COVID Vaccine Clinic, Band Hall</b>
<b>Mon, Sept 13</b>	COHI, Piapot Health Ctr, 10am-4:30pm
<b>Tue, Sept 14</b>	COHI, Piapot Health Ctr, 10am-4:30pm
<b>Tue, Sept 14</b>	<b>COVID Pop-Up Testing – 10am -12pm</b>
<b>Wed, Sept 15</b>	Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Thurs, Sept 16</b>	Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Sun, Sept 19</b>	<b>Elder's Car Bingo, Band Hall</b>
<b>Mon, Sept 20</b>	<b>Federal Election, Band Hall</b>
<b>Mon, Sept 20</b>	COHI, Piapot Health Ctr, 10am-4:30pm Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Tue, Sept 21</b>	COHI, Piapot Health Ctr, 10am-4:30pm Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Wed, Sept 22</b>	Good Food Box (CPNP), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Thurs, Sept 23</b>	Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Mon, Sept 27</b>	COHI, Piapot Health Ctr, 10am-4:30pm Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Tue, Sept 28</b>	COHI, Piapot Health Ctr, 10am-4:30pm Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Wed, Sept 29</b>	<b>Orange Shirt Day - Community BBQ (4-6pm), Piapot Health Ctr</b>
<b>Wed, Sept 29</b>	Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
<b>Thurs. Sept 30</b>	<b>National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation (Holiday) – All Offices Closed</b>

### For Inquiries, Feedback, Ideas & Events

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