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Ready For My Shot **Northwest Territories goes GREEN!**

Ready for My Shot is a grassroots, family-run advocacy campaign created to call on Canada's political leaders to clearly identify adults with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities as high priority for the COVID vaccine.

Until recently no province or territory had established this clear priority for our community. This is despite the strong [evidence](#) that people with developmental disabilities are at high risk for contracting and dying from COVID.

On February 19, our team was alerted to change in the [Northwest Territories health policy](#), which now clearly states a vaccine priority for:

- **Residents living with disabilities (intellectual or physical) and their caregivers**

This is a tremendous achievement for NWT - and of great benefit to people who live there - and we are proud to share this news. As **Canada's first** jurisdiction to make this progressive change, the team at the NWT Health and Social Services Authority, under the leadership of Minister Julie Green, are to be applauded.



Progress Map (see next page)

But there is much more to be done and we need your help. Our team of 10 spokespeople is available via Zoom for interviews, podcasts, and video segments, and can do socially distanced in-person interviews in some locations.

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Ready for My Shot Campaign

Setting the Right Priorities for COVID Vaccination



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