

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF  
MANITOBA AND THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS fighting the spread of COVID-19 requires unprecedented international action and cooperation; and

WHEREAS North Dakota and Manitoba have long enjoyed strong and deep bonds of friendship founded on generations of shared historical, economic, social, and cultural experiences; and

WHEREAS our two jurisdictions have had an official intergovernmental relationship for over 35 years, dating to the North Dakota-Manitoba Agreement on Consultation and Co-Operation of 1985; and

WHEREAS jobs and communities in both North Dakota and Manitoba benefit from bilateral trade, tourism and the integration of markets and supply chains for goods and services across our economies; and

WHEREAS maintaining the safe and efficient flow of goods and services across the Canada-United States border is essential for both the North Dakota and Manitoba economies; and

WHEREAS protecting the health and safety of truckers is a shared priority and critical to maintaining essential trade in goods across the Canada-United States border during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS Manitoba and North Dakota, in the spirit of close cooperation, are committed to collaborative efforts to protect the health and safety of Canadians and Americans; and,

WHEREAS timely and effective administration of COVID-19 vaccinations is essential for public health and the safe reopening of the Canada-United States border, and North Dakota has both sufficient vaccine supply and the public health capacity to vaccinate Manitobans who desire it;

THEREFORE, Manitoba and North Dakota have agreed to jointly establish the *Essential Worker Cross-Border Vaccination Initiative* as follows:

1. North Dakota will provide first and second dose COVID-19 vaccinations to Manitoba-based essential workers beginning with Manitoba-based truck drivers who are transporting goods to or from the United States
2. North Dakota will identify, prepare, and staff appropriate immunization sites, and supply and administer vaccines approved for use in both the United States and Canada.
3. Manitoba, with the assistance of the Manitoba Trucking Association and its members, will identify and coordinate with eligible individuals and work with North Dakota to coordinate scheduling of appointments for vaccinations;
4. North Dakota will provide proof of immunization to individuals who are vaccinated, and share records of immunization with Manitoba, and
5. Manitoba and North Dakota will jointly determine opportunities for expanding this initiative to vaccinate other designated essential workers and Manitobans.
6. There will be no cost to North Dakota or Manitoba as the United States Government will assume all costs of providing vaccines and vaccinations to every Manitoban participating in this Initiative;
7. Manitoba and North Dakota will establish a joint operations group to manage the *Essential Worker Cross-Border Vaccination Initiative* and meet the objectives of this agreement.