

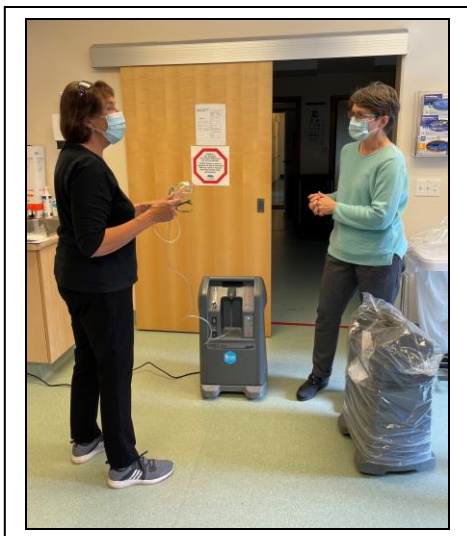
**MIHCA Update
October 19th 2021**

Annual Influenza Vaccination Clinic: This year's clinic will be held at the Community Centre on Wednesday November 10th from 12:30 to 3:45 pm. We have been told recently that appointments will **not** be required, and that as in pre-COVID years, the clinic will be held on a drop-in basis. If anything changes, we'll do our best to get the message out through social and other media and posters around the island. But rest assured, there will be enough vaccine to accommodate everyone on a drop-in basis. Please wear a mask and bring your CareCard or driver's licence with you.

And please remember that the team of public health nurses will not be bringing COVID-19 vaccines with them on November 10th. If you want a COVID-19 vaccination, read on:

COVID-19 first and second doses, and third booster doses for the immune-compromised: Clinics will be held at the Health Centre on November 24th and December 8th from 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm. These clinics open to anyone wanting a first or second COVID-19 vaccination and to anyone who has received an authorization letter from the Provincial Health Office for a third booster dose. If you have received a letter, you **must** bring it with you to the clinic. Call 1.833.838.2323 to book an appointment. Walk-ins will be accommodated if time permits.

Thank you TB Vets for the grant to purchase Oxygen Concentrators for the Health Centre and Field Hospital: We are extremely grateful to TB Vets for their generous grant that allowed us to purchase two Oxygen Concentrators for the Health Centre and Field Hospital's use.



Cathy Purss demonstrating the O2 Concentrator to Anna du Bois from TB Vets



L to R, Leanne Rowand, Juliana Losier (Medical Team), Anna du Bois, Cathy Purss (MIHCA) and Lindsay Allan (MIHCA)

Our Health Centre has two Oxygen tanks that must be refilled from off island. So to ensure we have adequate back-up supply of Oxygen, we applied to the TB Vets for a grant to purchase two extra portable sources that function via an electrical outlet. This additional supply of oxygen is also available to our Field Hospital in emergency when we can't count on the Oxygen tanks being refilled. Please go to <https://www.tbvets.org/> to find out more about the incredible support TB Vets provides in rural communities across BC – especially when it comes to critical respiratory equipment. We are so fortunate to have been a recipient of their generosity and thank them and their donors for supporting our Health Centre.

Donor Recognition: Thank you to recent donors Anthony Dalton – in memory of Penny Dalton – as well as Robert Anderson and Michael Arcand, for your generous gifts in support of MIHCA and health care in our community.

Submitted by Diana King on behalf of the Mayne Island Health Centre Association (MIHCA)