

Covid Update March 15, 2021

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said the state remains in Phase 2, Step 2 of the Covid vaccine rollout. This phase includes people 65 and older, school personnel and people with two or more comorbidities.

The state website ([mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov)) has launched a new process to sign up for individual appointments at the mass vaccination sites like Fenway Park and Gillette Stadium.

For the local sites, like CVS and the Marshfield Fairgrounds, people must book their own appointments.

Anyone having a hard time getting an appointment, can call the state help line at 2-1-1 or the Scituate Senior Center at 781-545-8722.

Boudreau thanked the town of Marshfield and the Town Administrator Mike Maresco for making 200 vaccine doses available to Scituate teachers last Friday. They were able to sign up for the second dose at the same time.

Boudreau said the town had 33 new Covid cases over the past week; that is up from 30 the previous week. The town's positivity rate is 2.214 percent over the last 14 days. Scituate is still in the "yellow" on the state positivity map.

The state is expected to start Phase 4 of the reopening plan on March 22 that would allow a limited number of fans in the stands at Fenway Park and other sites.

Widows Walk is now closed to walkers and dog walkers in preparation for the golfing season in April.

The DPW was able to win a \$400,000 complete-the-streets grant that will be used to complete the Country Way sidewalk.

The Cole Parkway mooring project and the Cedar Point sewer project are moving along.

The staff and Veterans Services Officer have moved into the new Senior Center, which is slated to open April 1 to the public.

Water Department flushing has moved to the Tilden, Ann Vinal, Hatherly and Edith Holmes area. Flushing will continue all spring throughout town. Details are on the website: scituatema.gov. Residents can expect some discolored water

when their neighborhoods are flushed. Call the Water Department at 781-545-8735 with questions.

Scituate is going to be featured on Shades of Green, a 90-minute program celebrating Ireland and the U.S.A., hosted by Irish Ambassador Daniel Mulhal at 7:30 p.m. on March 17. Visit scituatema.gov to register.

Select board member Andrew Goodrich said the water barrel program is coming back this spring. Visit <https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com> to find the link to purchase a rain barrel. Pickup day is April 10.

Goodrich said West Cork, Ireland and Scituate will be having a virtual toast at noon, March 17. Folks should RSVP using the link on the town calendar (scituatema.gov). Everyone is invited. The world record for virtual toasts is 3500 so there is a chance that this toast can beat that.

Supt. of Schools William Burkhead Bill said the schools had eight Covid cases last week for a total of 168 since the start of the school year.

The School Committee votes to implement students in grades K-5 returning to in-person school full time on March 29. At the March 22 School Committee meeting there will be a full presentation on plans for students in grades 6-12 to return to full-time, in-person school on April 12.