

Town Narrative February 16, 2021

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau reminds residents that the state Covid vaccination program is in Phase 2, Step 1, meaning that those age 75 and older are eligible.

Caregivers who take a person in Phase 2, Step 1, for a vaccination, can also receive a shot but only at the state mass vaccination sites, such as Gillette and Fenway Park.

The state has updated the vaccination website (mass.gov/Covid) to make it easier to navigate. Availability at the mass vaccination sites is updated every Thursday.

The regional vaccination site for Plymouth County residents at the Marshfield fairgrounds is accepting appointments. Once available doses are used up, that site shuts down until more doses arrive.

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.

Scituate hosted a vaccination clinic yesterday (Feb. 16) at the Harbor Community Center. Appointments for the 80 available doses went quickly. The town will let residents know if it receives more doses.

Boudreau said the town had 28 new Covid cases over the past week; that is down from 51 the previous week. The town's positivity rate is 3.63 percent over the last 14 days. Scituate is in the "yellow" on the state positivity map.

While the town is heading in the right direction, it is important to remain vigilant: wear a mask, wash your hands and stay socially distant.

Boudreau said those traveling out of state for school vacation week, have to follow state protocols. That includes 10 days in quarantine or producing a negative PCR test administered within 72 hours of arrival.

Those age 10 and over must follow these protocols. For children under 10, contact the school nurse for guidance. There is a link on: scituate.k12.ma.gov.

Travelers must also fill out a Massachusetts travel form, unless they are returning from low-risk: Hawaii, North Dakota, or Puerto Rico.

Violators can be fined up to \$500.

Town Hall is open. Beach stickers can be purchased in person or online. The library is open for browsing.

The Pier 44 (Harbor Community Center) survey is up. There were 778 responses in the first week. There are signs with QR codes outside Town Hall, the library, and the community center. By scanning in the QR code, a resident will be taken to the survey on their phone. Survey results will be presented at the Select Board's meeting next week. Check scituate.ma.gov for the full agenda.