

Covid Narrative February 8, 2021

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said Phase 2, Step 1, of the state vaccination program is underway. Those, who are age 75 and older, can get an appointment by visiting the interactive Covid map on the state website (mass.gov/covidvaccinemap). Residents should check back frequently as new vaccination sites are being added on an ongoing basis.

A regional vaccination site has opened at the Marshfield fairgrounds, which is available to Scituate residents. Appointments can be made on the state Covid vaccination map (mass.gov/covidvaccinemap). The Marshfield site has a yellow star on the map because it is a restricted site for Plymouth County residents only. Appointments will be made for available doses. Once those are fully booked, the site will shut down until more doses are available. It's anticipated the Marshfield regional site can handle 600 appointments a day.

The Town of Scituate has a very limited supply of the vaccine (80-100 doses) which are expected to go quickly. The vaccine will be available at the Harbor Community

Building (former Pier 44) on Tuesday, February 16th. At noon on Wednesday (Feb. 10), interested residents can sign up on the Town's website (scituatema.gov) by clicking the link to register.

Gov. Baker said there are 20,000 doses of the vaccine available at the state vaccination sites at Gillette Stadium, Fenway Park and a site in Springfield.

Boudreau said large health-care providers are now getting the vaccine and will reach out to their patients.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which requires only one dose, is expected by March 1.

Anyone needing assistance with booking online can call the state hotline at 211 for assistance or the Senior Center at 781-545-8722.

Boudreau said the town had 51 new Covid cases over the past week; that is down from 52 the previous week. The town's positivity rate is 4.36 percent over the last 14 days.

The state is now allowing 40 percent capacity at restaurants and gyms, up from 25 percent.

Scituate Town Hall is back open to the public with strict safety protocols. The Scituate Public Library will reopen

to the public on a limited basis starting Tuesday (Feb. 16). For more, visit: scituatema.gov/townlibrary.

Beach stickers go on sale Tuesday (Feb. 16). Residents can purchase their beach sticker in person or online at the town's website (scituatema.gov).

There is an online survey about what residents would like to see regarding the Harbor Community Center (former Pier 44). Click the link at the top of the webpage (scituatema.gov). Plans are to put a sign at the community center with a QR code so people walking at the harbor can respond to the survey.

Burning permits can be obtained online at scituatema.gov.

Superintendent William Burkhead gave a Sailor Shout-out to the DPW and custodial staffs for their hard work behind the scenes in getting the schools ready to open after Sunday's snowstorm. He said there is a lot of communication that goes into determining whether schools can open or not when there is a weather event.

He said there have been 11 new Covid cases for a total of 138 to date.

Scituate schools have the rapid antigen diagnostic test that provides results in 15 minutes. Under direction of the school nurse, and with permission, the test can be administered to students or staff who are experiencing symptoms.

At the School Committee meeting at 6 p.m. tonight (Feb. 8), there will be a presentation on the Return to School Framework. Residents can attend via Zoom link at scituate.k12.ma.us.

The winter athletic season is coming to an end. The hockey team has been on a 10-game winning streak. The MIAA has approved the Fall 2 season. Registration for football, winter track and cheerleading is open.