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## For Immediate Release Regarding Covid-19 Vaccinations

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The State of Massachusetts has a plan to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine to the citizens of Massachusetts and that plan can be reviewed at <a href="www.mass.gov/covidvaccine">www.mass.gov/covidvaccine</a>. The Board of Health is assisting with State's role out plan; we have currently completed first dose clinics to vaccinate First Responders and health care workers. As a vaccine provider we must administer the vaccine in accordance with the State's plan and the Board of Health is exploring other options to assist the State with their vaccine roll out plan as vaccine become available from the State.

At the Governor's press conference on 1/25/21, the Administration announced updates to plans for Phase Two of the Commonwealth's distribution plan. Individuals 75 years or older will now be the first priority group in Phase Two, and individuals 65 years and older have been moved into the second priority group, in addition to individuals with two comorbidities. Starting on February 1 individuals age 75 or older can be vaccinated. Vaccination sites can be found on the Commonwealth's map at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap">www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap</a>.

The Board of Health will inform the community as we are able to provide vaccinations but individuals looking to get vaccinated should take the following steps in pursuit of becoming vaccinated;

- 1. Please visit the State's website listed above to find out when you would be eligible for receiving the vaccine; the site is updated regularly.
- 2. Contact your primary care provider to inquire when they will be administering the vaccine.
- 3. Check with your local pharmacy, the large pharmacy chains to see when they will start to administer the vaccine.
- 4. Check large throughput sites (<u>www.cic-health.com/vaccine</u>). Eligibility for receiving the vaccine will be determined through the site.

The Board of Health is exploring options to be a partner in the State's vaccination program but it is important for citizens to reach out to the locations where they are normally vaccinated to stay informed of their options.

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