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Town of Acton Receives 100 COVID-19 Vaccinations, Will Hold Limited Phase Two Vaccination Clinic for Specified Seniors

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic to Take Place This Week for Acton Housing Authority Seniors Age 75+

ACTON -- Acton's Vaccine Working Group, comprised of Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Anita Arnum, Nursing Director Heather York, Health Director Sheryl Ball, Council on Aging Director Sharon Mercurio and Town Manager John Mangiaratti, reports that the Town of Acton has secured 100 doses of the COVID-19 vaccination and has been working to prioritize the distribution of this limited supply to eligible residents.

The doses have been specifically allotted only for those 75-years-old and older who became eligible on Monday, Feb. 1 through Phase Two of the state's vaccination distribution plan.

The Acton Board of Health will be sponsoring a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Acton Housing Authority Seniors age 75 and above. **This is a private clinic for AHA residents of Sachem Way and Windsor Avenue only.** All appointments for the clinic have been prescheduled.

The Acton Board of Health is seeking additional vaccination allotments and will notify the community promptly if more vaccines are provided by the state for future clinics. To make sure that your contact information is on file as the town continues to plan for future potential clinics, please be sure to fill out the Vaccine Interest Form referenced below.

The clinic is a result of a multi-department collaboration between the Town of Acton, Acton Board of Health, Acton Nursing Services, Acton Fire Department, Acton Police Department and Acton Emergency Management.

"We strongly recommend that people receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they become eligible," Health Director Ball said. "The vaccine is an important step in our continued fight against COVID-19 and will help protect you, others you care for and those who may be at risk for severe illness. We'd also like to remind residents that even after you receive the vaccination, it is important that you continue to follow all of the current health guidance including wearing a mask, social distancing, avoiding crowds and practicing proper hygiene."

Registering at a Current Vaccine Site

The state is continuing to vaccinate those eligible as part of Phase One. Additionally, on Monday, Jan. 25, the state announced that it has restructured Phase Two of the vaccination distribution plan and will vaccinate groups in the following order of priority:

- Individuals 75-years-old and older.
- Individuals 65-years-old and older and individuals with two or more comorbidities, meaning they have a condition that puts them at risk for severe illness should they contract COVID-19. To review these conditions, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website [here](#).
- Early education and K-12 workers, transit, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works, public health and other workers
 - See the full list of work groups [here](#).
- Individuals with one [comorbidity](#)

To view a map of vaccination sites, [click here](#). All sites require an appointment.

To make an appointment at a vaccination site:

- Visit mass.gov/COVID-vaccine to find your phase and priority group
- If you're eligible, visit mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap to find a vaccine clinic near you
- Make an appointment online and fill out the attestation form

There is no cost to obtain the vaccine, but patients will be required to present their

insurance and identification cards, as well as the attestation form found [here](#).

Individuals must present proof of their eligibility to receive the vaccine.

It is recommended that those eligible for the vaccine visit the webpage to select a location and make an appointment as soon as they become eligible. However, residents should note that while the state is creating more mass vaccination sites and they may become eligible to receive the vaccination in the coming weeks, vaccination distribution is contingent on the number of physical vaccines available. Residents are asked to remain patient and are encouraged to check the [appointment webpage](#) often as new locations and additional appointments are added.

Residents are reminded that a second dose of the vaccine is required and you must receive the second dose at the same facility that you received the first dose.

The state has not yet announced when individuals 65-years-old and older and those with two or more comorbidities will be able to receive the vaccine. This will be announced when more information is available about additional doses of the vaccine to be provided to the state by the federal government.

The general public will not be eligible to receive the vaccine until April. To review the full vaccination distribution timeline, click [here](#).

For the latest updates regarding vaccination distribution in Massachusetts, [click here](#). To learn more about frequently asked questions regarding the vaccine, [click here](#).

Acton COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form

The Town of Acton has created a COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form. Acton residents or those who work in Acton who meet the eligibility criteria for Phase One or the first two priority groups of Phase Two (individuals age 75+ and individuals age 65+ or with two or more comorbidities) and are interested in receiving the vaccine are asked to complete [this form](#). **The form will be used to notify respondents of their eligibility only. It is not a form for reservations, a waitlist or appointments.**

Not all subgroups are currently listed on the Vaccine Interest Form. The town will update the form regularly as new subgroups are identified by the state and become eligible for the vaccine.

You may fill out the form on behalf of someone else. If you are inquiring about the eligibility of more than one person, please fill out one form for each person.

Eligibility notifications and updates will be sent via email. If you don't have access to email and don't have someone who can submit the form on your behalf, the town will call you at the number provided on the form.

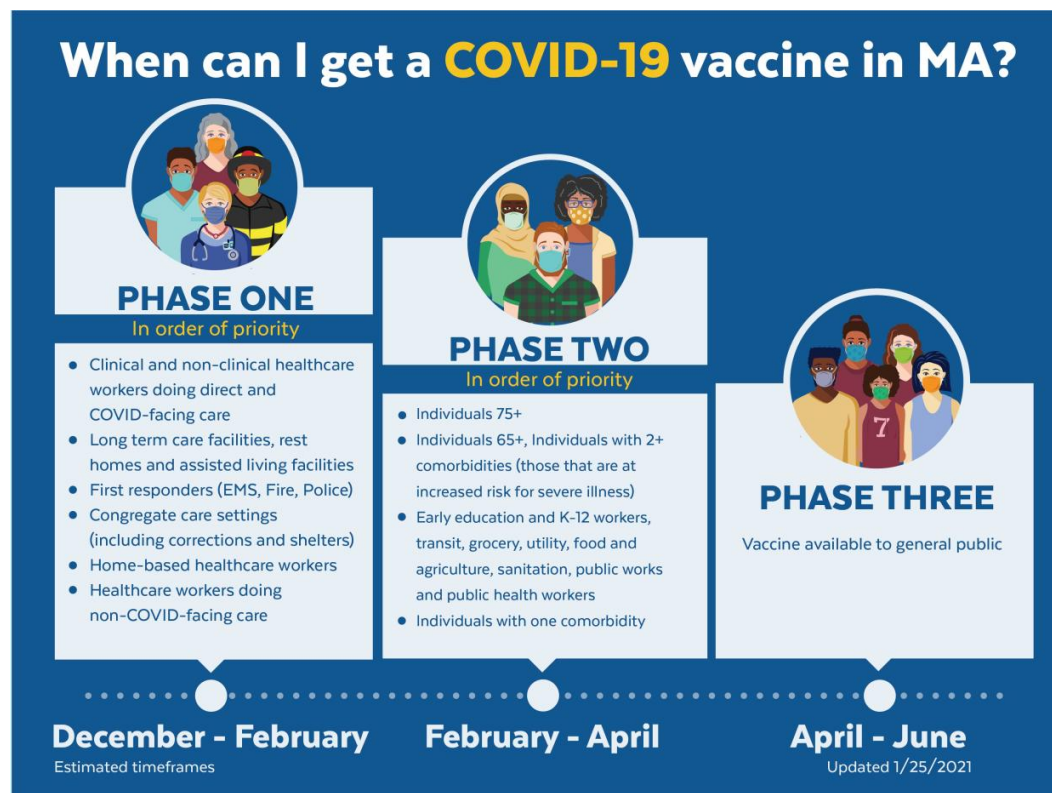
If you do not have access to the internet to submit the form, please contact the Acton Town Services Hotline at 978-929-6600.

Town officials will continue to monitor the situation and share updates, such as specific dates of when the vaccine may become available to more people, as that information becomes available.

The Acton Public Health Department encourages everyone to stay informed regarding the COVID-19 vaccination process. The following resources are recommended for the most up-to-date information:

- Acton COVID-19 Information Center: acton-ma.gov
- Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Timeline Phase Overview: [click here](#)
- Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions: [click here](#)
- Latest vaccine update in Massachusetts: [click here](#)
- Vaccine locations for individuals currently eligible to be vaccinated in Massachusetts: [click here](#)

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