

Good evening. On behalf of the Select Board and the Board of Health, this is Fire Chief Charlie Doody with a public health update. The Town of Canton continues to be designated as a red community but, like the state, our numbers continue to trend in the right direction. As of February 5<sup>th</sup> the Town of Canton has **1,431** confirmed cases. Sadly, there are now 69 recorded deaths for the Town of Canton. Further details about Canton's status can be found on the COVID page on the Town of Canton's website.

<https://www.town.canton.ma.us/139/Board-of-Health>

Over the last 48 hours, the Town Canton has vaccinated 300 residents 75 years of age or older at two separate clinics at Orchard Cove Senior Living and the Canton Council on Aging. We will continue to offer clinics for those 75 and older as vaccine becomes available, as well as for those who were eligible during Phase 1. Please continue to check the Board of Health's website frequently for clinic announcements. As always, if you can get the vaccine elsewhere, you should do so. If you are 75 or older and unable to drive or arrange transportation to a vaccination site, call the Council on Aging at 781-828-1323 for assistance. Likewise, if you are 75 or older and want to be added to the vaccination notification list, you can call the Council Aging to be added.

Residents who would like to receive automatic electronic updates to the State Vaccination Eligibility Schedule and clinic postings can log on to the town of Canton's website and can click on the alert sign up icon on the bottom right of the page. Residents who have questions about the vaccination process, availability of clinics or where they fall in the phasing plan can call Canton's Vaccination Hotline at **339-502-5715**. The Hotline is staffed during Town Business hours Monday through Friday and you will be able speak to a live person who can help answer your questions.

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Finally, the Commonwealth took another step in the right direction with Governor Baker's change to the occupancy restrictions for certain businesses. As of 5 pm on February 8<sup>th</sup>, restaurants, gyms and offices can increase their occupancy from 25% to 40%. For a full listing of businesses impacted by the change, log on to mass.gov. In for this trend continue, please wear your mask in public, avoid large gatherings and practice social distancing, particularly during this Superbowl weekend.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/temporary-capacity-and-gathering-limits>

As always, thank you for listening and stay well.