

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 remains in Yellow status and the state is currently in Step 2 of Phase 3 in its reopening plan. Canton's positivity rate is at 3.23% with approximately 66 confirmed cases over the past two weeks. The total number of confirmed COVID cases in Canton since the beginning of the pandemic stands at 1,688 with 79 confirmed deaths. 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>

Currently, those eligible for vaccines include everyone in Phase 1, individuals age 75 and older, individuals age 65-74, individuals with two or more certain medical conditions, residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing, K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and child care workers.

The good news is that Canton has been able to vaccinate all of our residents who are 75 years and older who requested a vaccine in addition to our homebound residents, First Responders, front line health care workers and our residents in elderly and low-income housing. It has been an inspiring effort by our Board of Health, Fire and Police Departments, the Council on Aging, Orchard Cove Senior Living and our many volunteers that stepped up to help vaccinate our residents.

Unfortunately, the Baker-Polito Administration has ceased providing 1st dose vaccines to cities and towns and as of now, Canton will no longer be able to offer vaccine clinics to its residents. However, those residents who are awaiting a second dose at a Canton clinic will still be able to receive that dose. All other residents are encouraged to visit the state's new vaccination website to register for an appointment. The site has been dramatically improved and is much more user friendly. The site can be found by typing www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine. In addition, [CVS](#) and [Wegman's](#) are additional locations that will be offering vaccines, so check their websites often.

Canton remains committed to getting our community vaccinated. Residents who need assistance with making online appointments or transportation to a nearby vaccination site are encouraged to call the Council on Aging at 781-828-1323 or the Town's COVID Hotline at 339-502-5715.

Finally, on THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH at 7 pm, residents can tune into the next Zoom webinar to hear about the most up to date vaccination and COVID related news. (Zoom ID number 834-2168-7207 or dial by phone (audio only) 301-715-8592). A direct Zoom link can be found on Town's website on the COVID-19 page. You can also watch live on cable (Comcast channels 8 and 22 or Verizon channels 42 and 43) or visit CantonCommunityTV.org for a live streaming link. Residents should send questions in advance to covid19@town.canton.ma.us by Tuesday March 16 at noon. In order to join the webinar please go to the Town of Canton's website at <https://www.town.canton.ma.us/> and click on the COVID-19 page.

As always, thank you for listening and stay well.