



# City of Waltham

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*Mayor*

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RE: Update on Vaccine Rollout in the City of Waltham

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts determines "Who" gets the vaccine and "When" according to the phases that they have established. We constantly monitor the updates and changes that are issued by the Commonwealth. We would like to provide a brief update on the next phases of "How" the vaccine will be rolled out in Waltham.

1. The City's Health Director with the Health, Police and Fire Departments administered the first dose of the vaccine for public safety. The second doses are in process.
2. The Health Department has been working on the next phases of the vaccine rollout. At my request, the Board of Health adopted draft written policies which will be available for public hearing shortly. They will meet again in two weeks.
3. The Superintendent and School Nursing Director requested permission from the State to be an approved vaccination site. That was granted and they will be requesting vaccine to do their staff at their own school location when the appropriate State distribution phase allows and vaccines are available.
4. The Senior Center Director and her staff have been working on notification to seniors, as well as the plan to have a vaccine rollout at the Senior Center. That plan will be reviewed and approved by the City's Health Director and Board of Health.
5. For those individuals whose distribution phase will be moved up by the State, those vaccinations will be administered by the local Board of Health and Health Director at a City location.
6. The Health Director, Board of Health, and City Departments are working on a plan and notice for public distribution site(s) for the general public when the State's vaccination phasing permits. More information will follow.
7. The Health Department and Board of Health are also working on a policy regarding any privately run third party vaccinations within the City of Waltham.

Sincerely,

Jeannette A. McCarthy

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