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As of Wednesday, Massachusetts residents aged seventy-five (75) or older are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination at approved locations. For those people with internet access, the Commonwealth has set up a web-based sign up process at the following link:

<https://www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap>

This link brings people to a map of the area with COVID-19 vaccination sites clearly marked. Clicking on a location will bring up information specific to that site, including a link to the scheduling program used by the site. The scheduling systems in use allow the user to sign up on line for an appointment. Appointments for 75+ residents will begin February 1, 2021.

Demand is very high and far outstrips the number of vaccines on hand; residents should be persistent in trying to get an appointment. Each week, blocks of appointments are released on Thursday. Residents have their best chance of success trying to get an appointment by signing on to their location of choice early on Thursdays, but should check back daily as there are cancellations.

As of the date of this public notice, the two closest locations to Douglas are the Hannaford Supermarket in Uxbridge and the InterMed Associates office at the Webster Medical Center.

Further, the Douglas Board of Health is coordinating with colleagues in Uxbridge, Northbridge, and Mendon to establish a larger volume vaccination site in our area. This effort is driven by the need for additional capacity once the vaccine is more widely available and the public as a whole is eligible for inoculation. We have every hope that the site will receive doses during the months of February and/or March that will be available to seniors over 75 years old.

Since many seniors do not have internet access or may be hesitant to try to follow all the steps of the electronic appointment application, Douglas town employees working for the Adult Social Center and/or Board of Health are reaching out to elderly residents directly via telephone to sign them up as “interested in receiving a vaccine” at the Uxbridge site. These confirmed expressions of interest will help demonstrate community commitment to the vaccination program and support the opening of the proposed location and an allocation of vaccine from the State.

Residents who want to express their interest in the Uxbridge site without interacting with Town staff may utilize the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHD6BAX3Nc6TdNmmF9wCr5zB2NgotkBfHI79Ods3eFExm-hw/viewform?gxids=7628>

Those who have confirmed their desire to get vaccinated at the Uxbridge site will receive notification of the availability of appointments at the site.

As this information is updated regularly, there will be future announcements.