



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn French, Dilip Jain, Swati Sane and Theresa Capobianco

TOWN: Kristin Black - Health Agent, Katie Holt - Administrative Assistant to the Health Department, Diane Legere - Food Inspector

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 via Zoom Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Chairman Glenn French. All members present.

6:09 - Meeting Notes Review

Dilip Jain moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2020. Glenn French seconded this motion. All members in favor to approve the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes, as recorded.

6:10 - Appointment of Temporary Food Inspector

Diane Legere has joined the Town of Northborough as a temporary food inspector. Ms. Legere has been serving as a food inspector for several years in Webster and Uxbridge and also has a background in contracting work and project management. Ms. Legere greeted the Board Members and expressed her excitement and familiarity with the new software FoodCodePro which the Town of Northborough is now using. Ms. Legere will be helping with food compliance as well as COVID complaints regarding food establishments. The Board Members welcome Ms. Legere.

6:14 - COVID-19 Update

Health Agent, Kristin Black, presented a COVID update. Ms. Black discussed current case counts and discussed how the statewide rollback on reopening has been extended. Ms. Black then discussed the status of the vaccine rollout - people that are 75+ in age have been added to phase 2 of the vaccine rollout. First responders in Northborough were vaccinated 1/11/2021 and 1/12/2021. School nurses have been vaccinated and nursing homes in Northborough are set to be vaccinated this week. Ms. Black said that the Town is actively discussing plans for clinics on the local level. The state plans to open mass vaccination sites and we will be hearing more information about them soon. Ms. Black informed the board members about a notification system that Northborough residents can sign up for at www.tinyurl.com/nbvaccine. These alerts will let residents know when they are eligible to receive the vaccine.

A discussion continued and the board members agreed that the Town of Northborough should try and host clinics on the local level, as well as get more information on potentially regionalizing clinics. Ms. Black mentioned that Chief Parenti is also on

board and ready to work through the obstacles to host local clinics. EMT's are ready to vaccinate and volunteers are available. The Town would be tied to the state's vaccine rollout plan. Ms. Black said she would also get more information on organizing a regional clinic. Further discussion continued on logistics of running vaccine clinics on the local level.

Please refer to the attached PowerPoint for the full update provided by Health Agent Kristin Black.

6:55 - Update on Reflexology

Kristin Black gave the board members an update on the status of reflexology issues that were discussed at the December 8, 2020 Board of Health meeting. State inspectors will be visiting Northborough reflexology establishments soon and are working with the Northborough Police Department to make sure each establishment is in compliance.

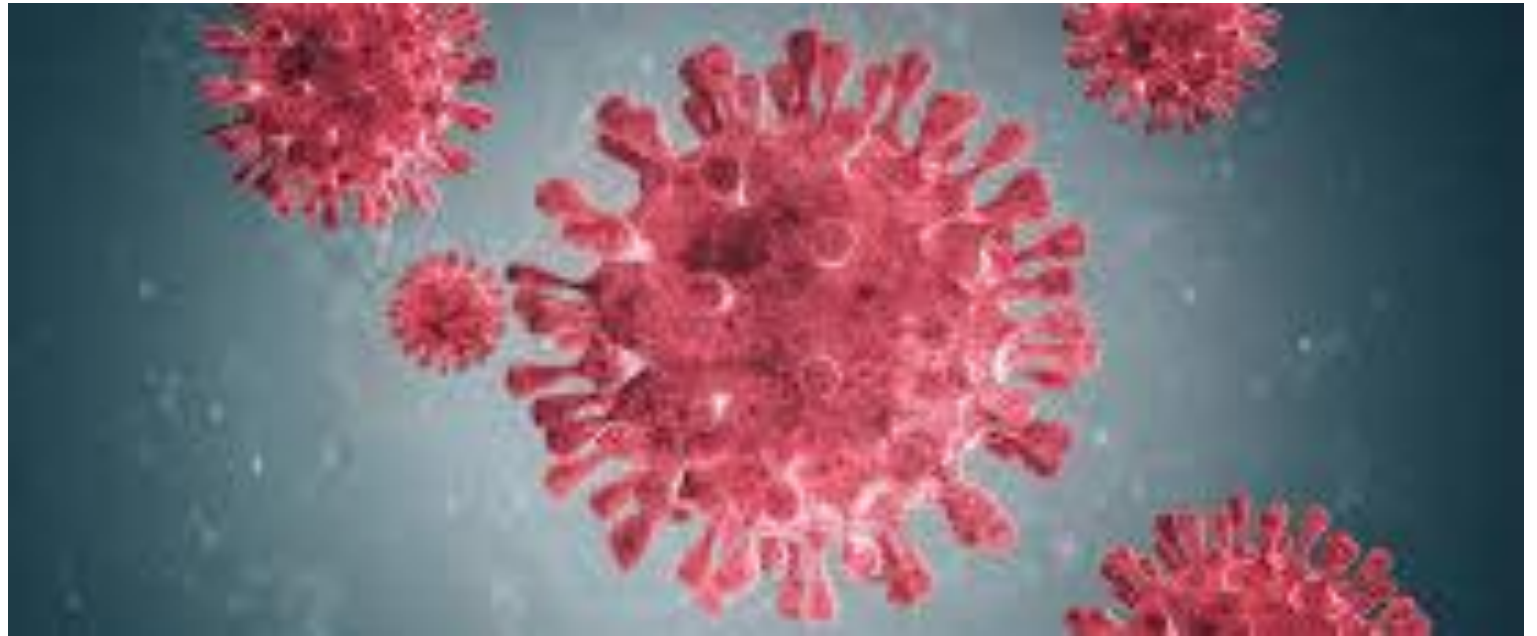
Establish Future Meeting Date

The next Board of Health meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 9, 2021.

Dilip Jain motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57. Glenn French seconded the motion, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Holt



Board of Health Meeting

1/12/2021

Agenda Items

1. Approval of December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes
2. Appointment of new Temporary Food Inspector, Diane Legere
3. COVID-19 update: Case Counts, State Reopening Plan, Compliance and COVID-19 vaccine plan
4. Update on previous discussion of reflexology
5. Establish tentative future meet date: February 9, 2021

Risk Status and Weekly Case Counts

- The Town of Northborough's COVID-19 Community Risk level is Moderate/Yellow according to most recent Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report produced by the Mass. Department of Public Health.
- In the most recently reported two-week period (12/20/2020-1/2/2021), there were 107 new cases.
- Test Percent Positivity Rate for last 14 days was 4.92%.
- As of 1/11/21 at 6:00pm the total case count is 830.

City/Town	Total Case Count	Case Count (Last 14 Days)	Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 (Last 14 days) ¹	Relative Change in Case Counts ²	Total Tests	Total Tests (Last 14 days)	Total Positive Tests (Last 14 days)	Percent Positivity (Last 14 days)	Change in Percent Positivity ³
Northborough	773	107	56.3	Lower	21959	2440	120	4.92%	Higher

<https://www.town.northborough.ma.us/covid-19-coronavirus-information>

Northborough This Week in Numbers

Risk Level: MODERATE

Total Case Count
Since Start of Pandemic: 801

Approximate Number of Active Cases: 100

Case Count (Last 14 Days): 107*

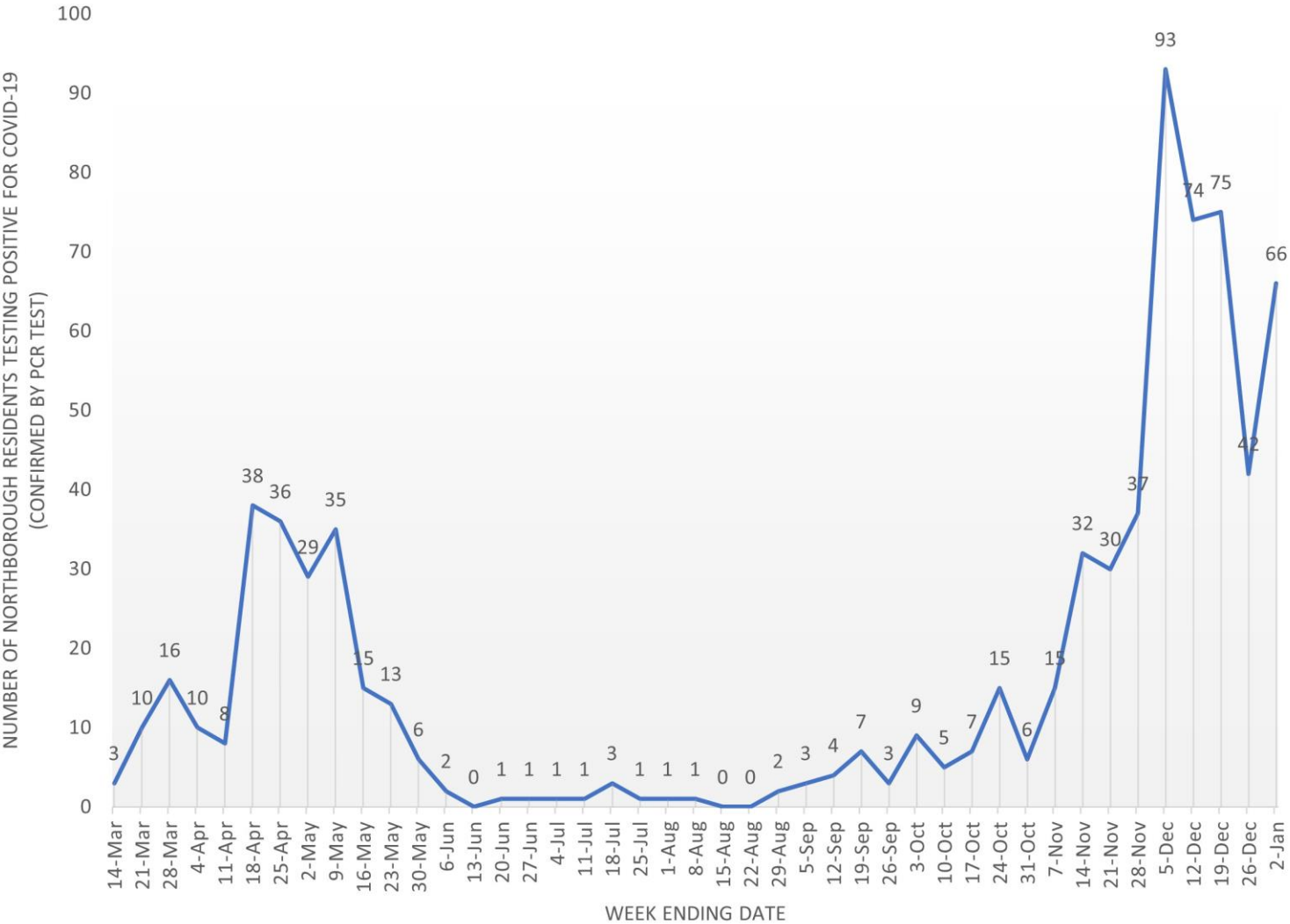
Testing Percent Positivity (Last 14 Days): 4.92%*

Relative Change in Case Count: LOWER*

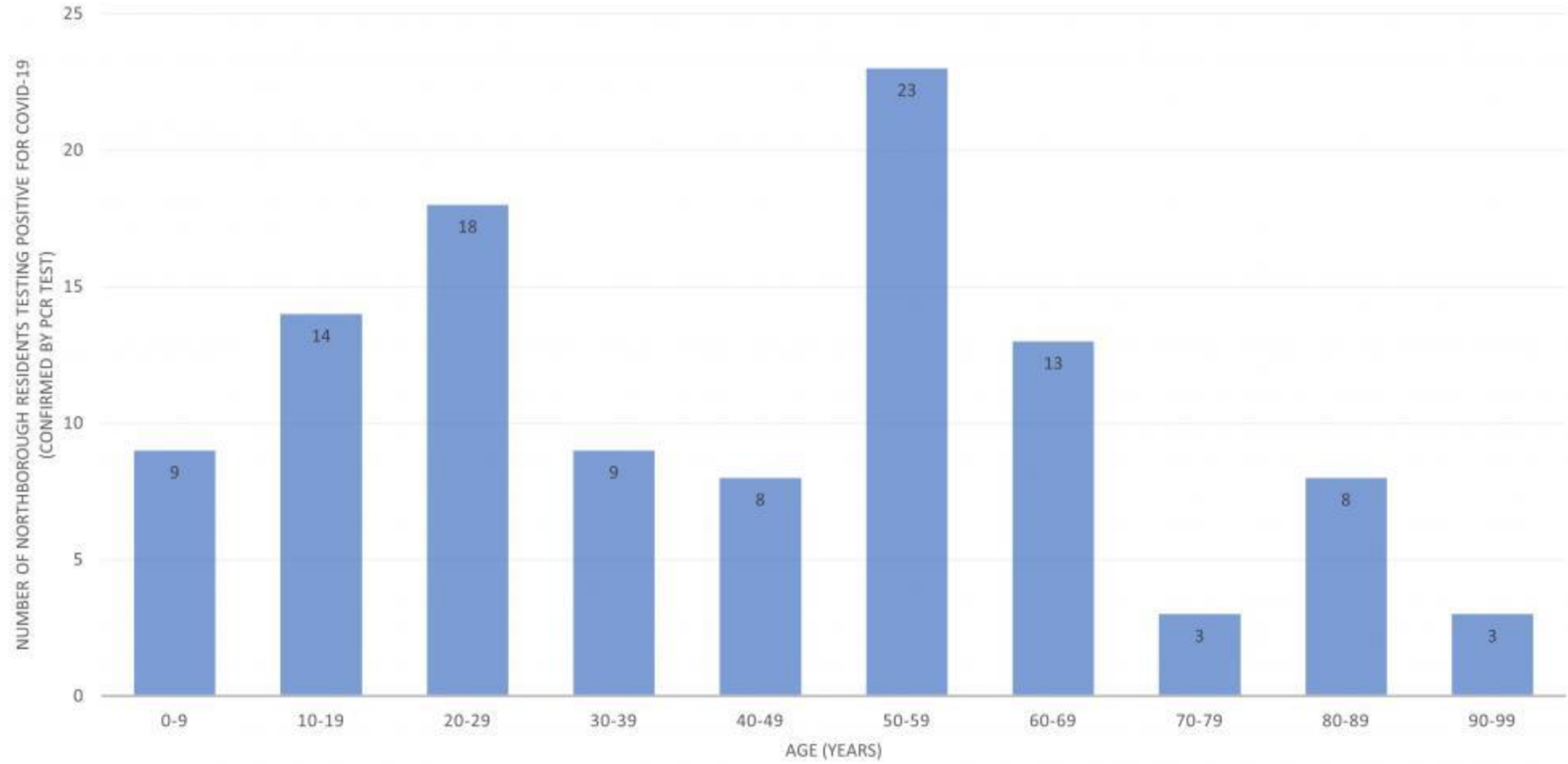
UPDATED
(1/7/2021)

*Source: [Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Weekly COVID Public Health Report](#)
Active Cases are individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 with a PCR test and are still considered infectious (not yet recovered).

New COVID-19 Cases by Week for Town of Northborough



Age Cohorts for COVID-19 cases
between December 20, 2020 - January 2, 2021



Statewide Rollback and new restrictions effective 12/13 extended through 1/24

- At a [Press Conference on 1/7](#), the Baker-Polito Administration announced an extension of capacity and gathering limits and new guidance for hospital ICU staffing and elective surgeries.
- Industry restrictions for capacity limits and reduced gathering limits went into effect on Saturday, December 26th, were extended through January 24th.
- The current restrictions limit most industries in Massachusetts to a 25% capacity limit.
- The gathering limits in place since December 26 were extended. Indoor gatherings will remain limited to 10 people. Outdoor gatherings will remain limited to 25 people outside. The gatherings limit applies to private homes, event venues and public spaces.



PHASE ONE

In order of priority

- Clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers doing direct and COVID-facing care
- Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities
- First responders (EMS, Fire, Police)
- Congregate care settings (including corrections and shelters)
- Home-based healthcare workers
- Healthcare workers doing non-COVID-facing care



PHASE TWO

In order of priority

- Individuals with 2+ comorbidities and/or age 75+ (high risk for COVID-19 complications)
- Early education and K-12 workers, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works and public health workers
- Adults 65+
- Individuals with one comorbidity



PHASE THREE

Vaccine available to general public

December - February

Estimated timeframes

February - April

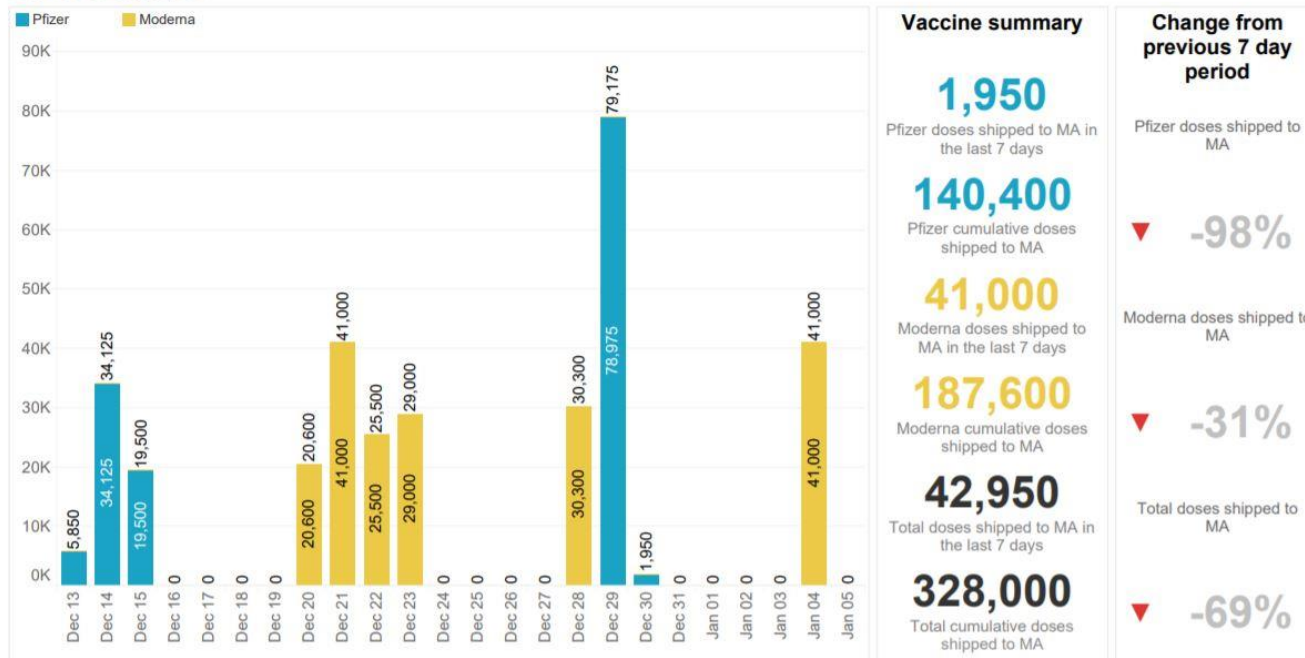
April - June

COVID-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts

www.mass.gov/vaccine

Doses of COVID-19 vaccine shipped to Massachusetts

Data as of January 05, 2021



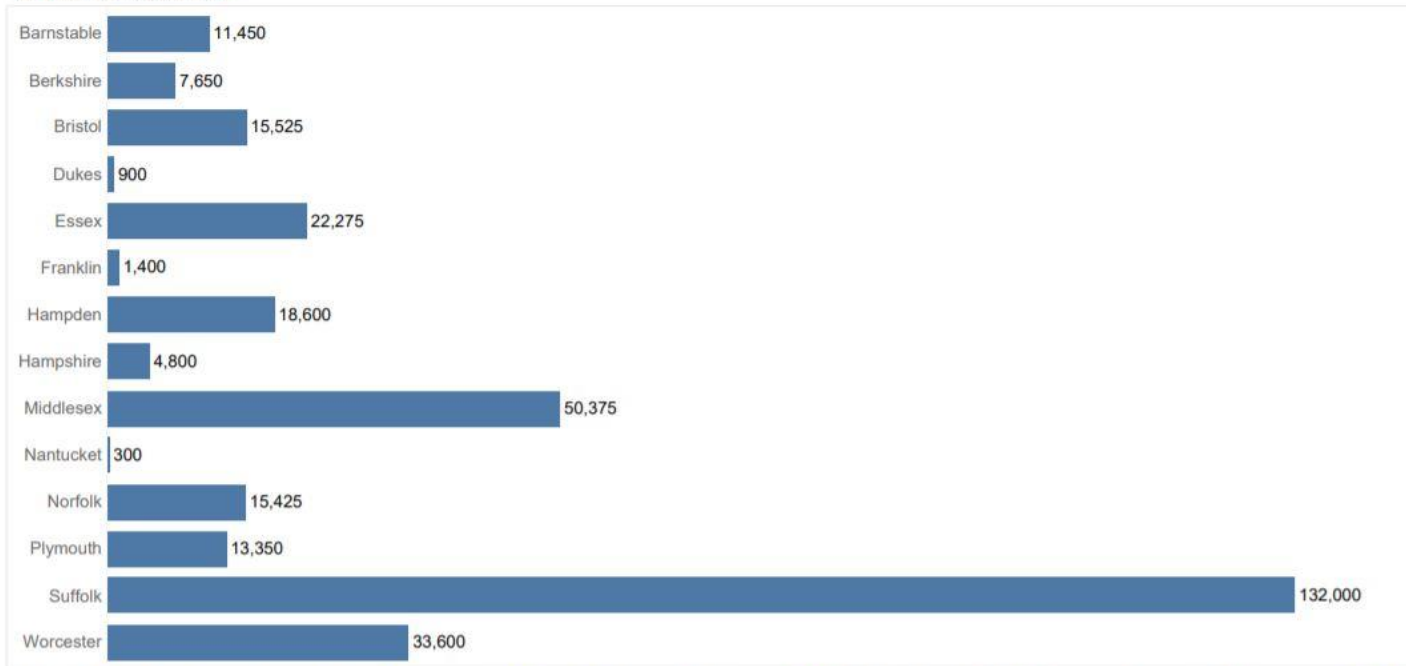
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Vaccine Availability in Massachusetts

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccination-program#weekly-covid-19-vaccination-report->

Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Shipped to Massachusetts Providers by County of Provider

Data as of January 05, 2021



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Vaccine Shipments by County

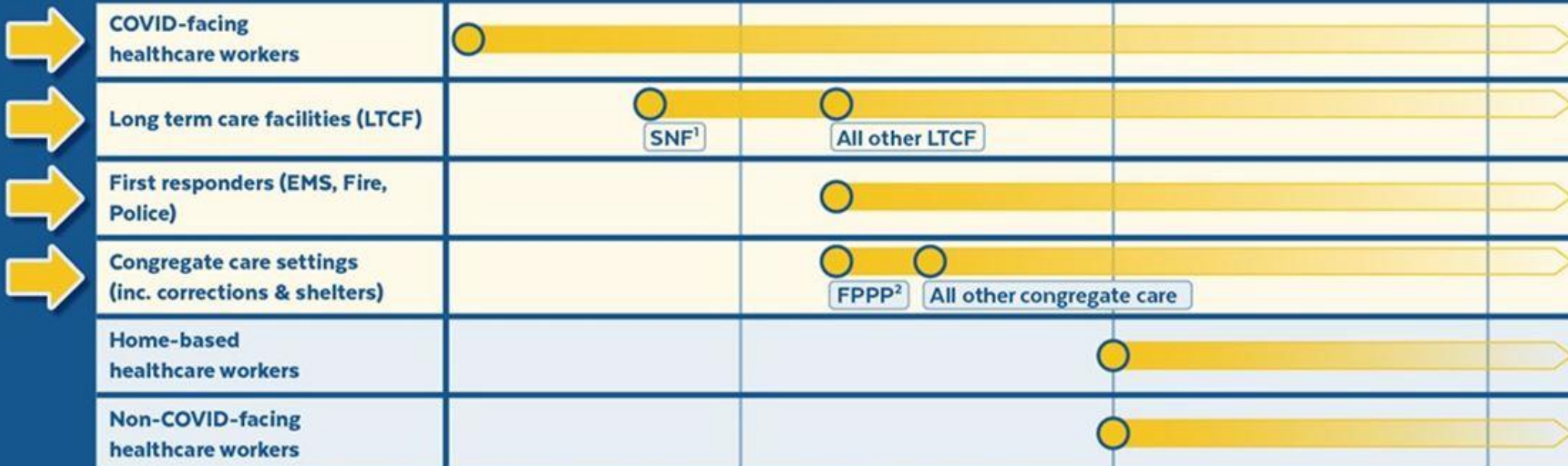
COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution – Phase 1

- We are currently in Phase 1 of the Plan.
- First responders in town were vaccinated yesterday and today (1/11 & 1/12) at a regional First Responder clinic run by the Westborough Fire and Health Departments.
- This week Marlborough Hospital has opened a clinic available to First Responders statewide.
- Northborough/Southborough school nurses were vaccinated at Harrington's Hospital's clinic at the Southbridge Armory.
- The long-term care facilities in Northborough are scheduled to receive the vaccine this month through a federal contract with CVS.
- Plans are being developed as we speak to stand up a local clinic through Phase 3. All sites must be approved by the state.



COVID Vaccination Phase 1 Timing by Group

 Represents start of group's vaccination period. Vaccination periods for each group are rolling. Not all group members receive the vaccine on day one of their period.



Arrows indicate the group(s) currently active and eligible for vaccination.

Timing is estimated and subject to federal allotment and shipment deliveries.

- 1. Skilled nursing facility
- 2. Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program

For more details on each group and phase visit mass.gov/COVIDvaccine



COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution – Phase 1

- Phase 1 also includes:
 - congregate care settings
 - home-based health care workers
 - health care workers doing non-COVID-facing care
- Large Statewide Vaccine Sites will be opening soon.
- Local Hospital's vaccine clinics may be expanded to other health care workers.
- Medical providers can apply directly to the state for the vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution– Phase 2/3

Phase 2 (February-March 2021) listed in order of priority:

- Individuals with 2+ co-morbid conditions and/or age 75+ (high risk for COVID-19 complications)
- Other workers, including:
- Early education, K-12, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, restaurant and cafe workers;
- Employees across the food, beverages, agriculture, consumer goods, retail, and foodservice sectors;
- Sanitation, public works and public health workers, vaccine development workers, food pantry workers, Uber/Lyft/ride share services/pharmacy delivery drivers (under transit/transportation workers), workers in the passenger ground transportation industry (e.g. paratransit for people with Disabilities, food delivery, non-urgent medical transport);
- Convenience store workers (under grocery workers);
- Water and wastewater utility staff
- Court system workers Adults 65+
- Individuals with one co-morbid condition

Phase 3 (Starting April 2021)



COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form

If you are a Northborough resident or an employee who works in Northborough and are interested in receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine, please complete this form so we can notify you when a clinic becomes available to you. You can fill out this form on behalf of someone else. If you are inquiring about several individuals, please fill out one form for each individual. Notifications will be sent by email.

The state is closely following a Vaccine Distribution Plan. The vaccine is being distributed in order of Priority identified in the plan. We will use the information gathered in this form to provide you updates on where and when you can receive the vaccine. More information on the COVID-19 vaccine is found at www.mass.gov/vaccine.

* Required

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