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TWO LOCAL SITES ARE NOW SCHEDULING COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENTS FOR THOSE OVER 75

1. The Town of Amherst is operating a regional site for Eastern Hampshire county towns, including Pelham. Phase 2 of the vaccine distribution, which includes people 75 and older, has begun. The site will be at the Amherst Regional High School, 21 Matoon Street, Amherst. The supply is limited at this time so it may take time to secure an appointment, but more vaccine shipments are expected soon.

To register online go to www.amherstcovid19.org/vaccine

For those needing help with registration, please call the Amherst Senior Center Covid-19 assistance line at 259-2425. Volunteers and staff are quite willing to help Pelham residents find an appointment slot.

1. The University of Massachusetts also hosts a Covid-19 vaccination clinic. Those 75 and older may register at www.umass.edu/coronavirus/vaccine

For those who know of neighbors who do not use the internet, please offer to help them register online or refer them to the Amherst Senior Center Covid-19 hotline at 259-2425.

Additional locations are now available in western MA and throughout the state. All require appointments, which can be scheduled online at www.mass.gov/covidvaccinelocations

The Commonwealth is in process of working on alternative solutions to schedule appointments for people who do not have or cannot use the online platforms. Also underway is a plan to administer the vaccine for people unable to leave their home for routine medical appointments due to health conditions. We will share that information as soon as it is available.

Stay tuned – as vaccine supplies increase, we can expect more opportunities to schedule appointments at a variety of locations will develop.

NEW STATE HOTLINE FOR TO HELP THOSE 75 AND OLDER REGISTER FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Governor Baker has announced that Massachusetts residents 75 and older may call 211 Monday through Friday between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Operators will help callers make an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine at a clinic in their area. If no appointments are immediately available, the operator will call back when nearby appointments open.

Pelham residents may continue to register through the Amherst Senior Center hotline at 413-259-2425 for clinics at the Amherst Regional High School.