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## -FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-

The Town of Dudley is announcing that beginning on January 22, 2021, Dudley residents will have the ability to go to dudleyma.gov to complete a brief form to be notified when a local COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic becomes available for residents, business owners and employees. As the vaccination becomes available, in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Phased COVID-19 Distribution Plan, enrollees will be contacted by the Dudley Board of Health and provided with the date, place and time to receive the vaccines. Residents that do not have the ability to access the internet are encouraged to first ask for assistance from family members, caregivers or friends who will be able to go to dudleyma.gov and complete the form on their behalf. The entire online process takes approximately five minutes.

Additionally, a vaccination phone number has been established to enable residents that are unable to complete the online form to receive assistance from a Dudley Board of Health Assistant to complete the form over the phone. The vaccination phone number is (508) 949 8036. Residents that call the vaccination phone number for assistance can expect to be asked to leave a message and to receive a callback within five business days. Because of the volume of local vaccination requests that the Town is expecting, online form submission at dudleyma.gov is strongly encouraged.

The Town recognizes that members of the community may have difficulty in traveling to receive vaccinations, and different methods of delivering the vaccines locally are being developed through a cooperative effort between health care providers, the board of health and the Dudley Fire Department Emergency Management Division.

The Town of Dudley does not have the ability to purchase additional vaccines or expedite the process. The phased approach which is being followed across the State has been developed by medical and health professionals at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) to best deliver the vaccine in a coordinated effort across the Commonwealth.