



# Town of Chebeague Island

192 North Road, Chebeague Island, ME 04017

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Dear Chebeague Island Community:

This is to update everyone about efforts to bring Covid vaccines to the island. The Maine CDC has opened the next tier of Covid vaccinations (entitled Tier 1B) for people over the age of 70 as the next top priority, described here: <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines>. While Tier 1B lists several new groups of vaccine candidates, the first priority is people over age 70, because they have the highest risk of serious illness if they get the virus.

The Town of Chebeague Island and the Community Action Response Team (CART) sought to expedite the creation of a vaccine clinic for vulnerable Chebeaguers through the Covid Census survey in early February, that was posted on this website. A CART team subcommittee was formed and is actively working with nurses from the Maine CDC and the Island Council so that these Chebeaguers can be vaccinated the same day as the residents and staff at the Island Commons. This is scheduled to occur on February 17. The Island Council will also continue to offer assistance to those who need rides and assistance getting to the mainland for vaccinations. Many respondents indicated they are getting offered to receive vaccinations in town.

The good news is that the survey had 135 responses and successfully led to the collection of 40 names of people over the age of 70 who would like to be vaccinated. The survey has now closed. While many interested parties registered through this survey, the vaccine supply shortage means that only those who are past their 70th birthday will be getting an appointment on the island. Two extra CDC nurses will come to the Chebeague Recreation Center on Wednesday, February 17 from 9am-1pm; Patients also need to agree to get their second shot in four weeks from the CDC nurses at the Recreation Center. We are hoping that more vaccine will be available later for more people, but at this time this is an unknown.

The CDC head nurse has confirmed that she can ONLY obtain 40 extra vaccines in addition to those being brought to the Island Commons for this clinic. Those on the list will be called to schedule an appointment by Friday afternoon for next week's clinic at the Recreation Center. The CART team wishes to thank the Town Office, the Chebeague Recreation Center, Island Council, the Island Commons and the Maine CDC nurses for all working together to make this happen.

If you have further questions, please contact our Island Fellow, Kiran Grewal at 347-598-3572. Thank you everyone and stay safe.

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