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**\*COVID-19 UPDATE\***

**Vaccine Equity Initiative in Framingham**

- **Update on the Vaccine Equity Initiative in Framingham:** The City is one of 20 municipalities designated to be a Vaccine Equity Initiative member. Vaccine doses shipped to the City of Framingham are used to improve vaccine access for residents who have been and continue to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Guided by the State's framework, the Equity Initiative includes people of color, immigrants and recent arrivals, homebound and disabled individuals, individuals living in low-income and congregate housing, and individuals with multiple and complex medical needs.

Last week, clinics were held at BRACE, Metrowest Workers Center, Agape Church, and Interfaith Terrace. Since Wednesday, March 24, 2,082 dose one Moderna, and 289 \*Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccinations have been administered under the Equity Initiative. The Framingham Health Department and Medical Reserve Corps have conducted 127 home visits for functionally disabled and homebound residents to administer vaccines. To request a home visit, please call the City's Public Health Nursing Office at 508-532-5667. Leave your name, phone number, and address, and someone will return your call within 36 hours. Those who received dose one of Moderna were invited to return for a second dose at the same community site to become fully vaccinated. The COVID Vaccine Team will continue to offer several clinics each week for the equity initiative at various locations.

\*The Framingham Vaccine Equity Initiative will not administer the J&J vaccine until further notice. Any clinics or home visits currently scheduled as a part of the equity initiative will use the Moderna vaccine. The City will follow all guidelines about any use of the J&J vaccine.

- **Vaccine Updates:**
  - Starting April 19, COVID-19 vaccine eligibility opens up to 16- and 17-year-olds using the Pfizer vaccine. It requires special parental consent. At this time, the Framingham Equity Initiative does not have any Pfizer vaccine.
- **COVID-19 in Framingham:** Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found [here](#). To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on [Facebook](#) and Twitter - @Framingham\_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the City's informational line at (508) 532-5411, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the "Alert Framingham" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: <https://www.smart911.com/>

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