

HARVARD BOARD OF HEALTH

Update to the Select Board
COVID-19 Vaccination
February 2, 2021

The mission of the Board of Health is to assure all of Harvard's residents a safe and thriving community by:

- Identifying and protecting residents from environmental hazards
- **Preventing the spread of diseases**
- Assuring safe water
- Promoting healthy lifestyles
- Enforcing local, state, and national regulations as required by law
- Developing and enforcing local regulations when necessary

To support the mission of “preventing the spread of diseases”, our goal is to facilitate as many residents as possible receive the COVID-19 vaccination:

- as soon as possible.
- as close to home as possible.

BOH rationale for setting that goal:

- Vaccine doses are (currently) in very short supply
- Demand is high
- When supply of doses increases, the supply of injection sites could be limiting factor

What steps are necessary to achieve the goal?

- Coordinated and collaborative planning with NAHB, emergency services, and Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)
- Identify most plausible configuration of a clinic
- Identify of all necessary personnel and equipment
- Develop logistics plan
- Conduct community outreach on vaccine and encourage participation.

What is needed to implement these steps?

- Endorsement and support of planning activities
- Willingness to use MEMA and FEMA money for vaccination work. This will be 100% reimbursement