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### **RE: Homebound Vaccinations**

Chatham - On Monday, March 22, 2021, six paramedics and EMT's from the Chatham Fire Department administered Covid-19 vaccinations for homebound residents in the Chatham community. In total, twenty-four residents from seventeen homes were vaccinated with the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, supplied through Outer Cape Health Services.

This vaccination initiative was the result of a collaborative effort by the Chatham Elder Working Group, consisting of members from the Health Division, Council on Aging, Chatham Housing Authority, Fire and Police Departments. This Working Group utilizes feedback from the agencies to prioritize needs of Chatham's aging residents. Vaccination clinics for residents of congregate housing are planned for the upcoming weeks.

*"This is yet another example of how our employees work together to serve our community members,"* said Chatham Town Manager Jill Goldsmith. *"Their willingness and ability to work through the complexities of this process to protect some of our most vulnerable citizens is testament to their dedication as public servants."*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services approved emergency authorization for paramedics and EMT's to administer Covid-19 vaccinations, after receiving appropriate training.

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