Governor Baker has announced the last group in Phase 2; 55 years of age and older and people with 1 certain medical condition will be eligible on April 5, 2021. The State of Massachusetts will launch Phase 3 on Patriot’s Day, April 19th 2021.

How many vaccines are there?
There are currently 3 vaccines being administered throughout the United States:
1. Pfizer-BioNTech
2. Moderna
3. Johnson & Johnson/Janssen

Bay Path University Policy CONTINUES to require you to submit to weekly testing regardless if you receive the vaccine. Vaccines are still limited and there is still research being gathered on how to move forward. Until then we recommend you follow social distancing guidelines, wash your hands, and wear a mask.

Scheduling Your Appointment
Check your local new stations as well as mass.gov website to see locations in your area that are administering vaccines. You can pre-register at https://vaccinesignup.mass.gov/#/ to schedule an appointment at one of the 7 mass vaccination locations in the State.

Common Side Effects:
- Pain, redness, and/or swelling in the arm where you got the shot
- Tiredness
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Chills
- Fever Nausea

Things to know prior to receiving the vaccine:
- Is the vaccine free-YES!
- Appointments are necessary to receive your vaccine shot
- If you receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine schedule your second appointment at the same site prior to leaving from your first shot
- Be prepared to wait 15-30 minutes after receiving the vaccine for observation

After Vaccination
You can take over-the-counter medication, such as ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin or antihistamines for pain and discomfort you may experience after receiving the vaccine. Please check with your doctor prior to taking any medication. Other helpful tips to decrease discomfort are to drink plenty of fluids, dress lightly, apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over shot site and to use your arm.

Signs and symptoms should subside after 24-48 hours. You should contact your doctor or healthcare provider:
- If redness or tenderness where you got the shot worsens after 24 hours
- If your side effects do not subside after a few days.
Those individuals who received a 2-dose vaccine such as the Pfizer or Moderna may experience more intense side effects than they experienced from their first shot. This is normal and a sign that your body is building protection and should go away within a few days.

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