**Update regarding COVID-19 vaccination on Islesford and Great Cranberry**

Sharon Daley and Douglas Cornman met with Maine CDC, Maine DHHS, County Emergency Management Directors, and representatives from the Cranberry Isles, Frenchboro, Swan’s Island, Isle au Haut, Matinicus, Monhegan, Islesboro, Vinalhaven, and North Haven. The Maine CDC and DHHS are willing to work with MDI Hospital, Pen Bay Medical Center, and Maine Seacoast Mission, to facilitate vaccination clinics on individual islands for anyone in Phase 1a & 1b, who want to receive the vaccine. Residents 70 and older will be given priority.

Sally Weiss, of Maine DHHS, is submitting a proposal to Maine CDC asking if residents in all Phases can be vaccinated at the same time because of small island population size, difficulty and expense related to traveling to the mainland, and maximizing the number of doses per vial. It will take some time to receive an answer, but please know that the question has been asked.

There are a lot of moving parts in making on island vaccinations happen. Sally felt that Sharon should be able to offer vaccine clinics on Islesford, Great Cranberry, Frenchboro, Swan’s Island, Isle au Haut, Matinicus, and Monhegan within the next couple of weeks. Hopefully, Sharon can begin by the end of February.

Sharon is the Mission’s lead person for the clinics. Douglas is collecting and recording all the information necessary to give the vaccination. **To get the process started, Douglas needs help from those of you who want to receive the vaccine on island.** He cannot access preregistration information from other systems. **If you want to get your COVID-19 vaccination on island, please let Douglas know, so he can put you on the Mission’s list.** **You do not need to preregister anywhere else if you plan on getting the vaccine on island. If you already have preregistered elsewhere, that’s fine. If you are offered an appointment on the mainland and wish to do that, please take advantage of the opportunity to get your vaccine sooner.**

**If you want to be on Maine Seacoast Mission’s list for a COVID-19 vaccination on island, call or text Douglas Cornman, at 207 479-0707 or send him a private Facebook message. You can also email him at** **dcornman@seacoastmission.org****. Please provide your name and date of birth, along with your email and the best phone number to contact you.** **ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL.**

Sharon and Douglas will probably have less than a week’s notice of the date for the vaccination clinic. At that point, you will receive a phone call and email with the date, time, and location of the clinic. You will be given an appointment time, so it will be easier to manage the flow of patients and easier to maintain social distancing. Remember that you will be evaluated for 15 minutes after you receive the vaccination. If you are feeling fine after 15 minutes, you can leave. If you have ever had an allergic reaction to a vaccine in the past, you will be required to wait 30 minutes before leaving.

Maine Seacoast Mission is fortunate to collaborate with various organizations to offer the vaccines on the island. Sharon and Douglas feel confident that this is going to happen.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Sharon at 207 542-9988 or Douglas at 207 479-0707. Thank you.