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**Mayor O'Connell announces Regional Collaborative Vaccination Site Approval
(Taunton, Fall River, Attleboro and Somerset)**

Taunton, MA . . . Today Taunton Mayor Shaunna O'Connell, along with Fall River Mayor Paul Coogan, Attleboro Mayor Paul Heroux, and Somerset Town Administrator Richard Brown announced the approval of a regional vaccination site by the Department of Public Health.

"We are extremely pleased that the state has approved our collaborative plan for a regional vaccination site in record time," said Mayor O'Connell. "Our teams have put in long hours to craft the best plan that will meet the state's requirements and best serve the needs of Taunton residents. I'm grateful to our fellow communities and Brewster Ambulance for this collaborative effort."

When the state changed their policy of sending vaccines directly to communities to hold local clinics, city officials from across Bristol County formed a working group to immediately address the needs of their respective communities and devise a plan for a collaborative regional site. "This regional site is proof of an excellent partnership between several towns and cities, which will result in more vaccines for all of Bristol County," said Fall River Mayor Paul Coogan.

Vaccine clinics will be hosted by Taunton, Fall River, Attleboro and Somerset, while surrounding cities and towns will provide assistance, including Berkley, Dighton, Freetown, Seekonk, and Swansea. "I'm proud that Attleboro is part of this regional network that several communities have come together to make happen. Government is at its finest when it works together to achieve a shared goal to the benefit of the people," said Mayor Paul Heroux of Attleboro.

The approved regional plan will include vaccine clinics on the following days:

Mondays: National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette (Attleboro)

Tuesdays: Holiday Inn (Taunton)

Wednesdays: Somerset High School or Somerset Fire Department (Somerset/Swansea)

Thursdays: Bristol Community College (Fall River)

Saturdays: Holiday Inn (Taunton)

Brewster Ambulance will be assisting the City of Taunton by storing and administering the vaccine. "Collaboration is key and when Mayor O'Connell asked for assistance, we were proud to serve on this regional effort," said Gregory Davis of Brewster Ambulance.

Regional vaccination sites must have the capacity to vaccinate up to 750 people per day, five days per week and must be open to all residents of Massachusetts.

Mayor O'Connell praises the state for acknowledging the needs of the residents of Bristol County. "It is important for residents of Taunton to have local options for vaccination. Having a clinic located within city limits, as well as several clinics in surrounding towns, will make an enormous difference to residents, particularly those who cannot travel far for their vaccines. We appreciate the fact that the state has considered our request and agreed to work with us in providing additional options for our residents."

Participating cities and towns will finalize their vaccine clinic details in the upcoming weeks and will begin vaccinating pending the delivery of vaccines from the state. Updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

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