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**MAYOR O'CONNELL INVITES CITY RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN LIVE COVID-19 TELEPHONE TOWN HALL**

Taunton, MA . . . Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced the City of Taunton will host a live COVID-19 Telephone Town Hall meeting to share information with city residents regarding COVID-19 vaccination, particularly as it pertains to children. The city-wide call is scheduled for this Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 6:00pm.

"As COVID-19 cases are increasing in our city and our county, it is crucial that city residents have all of the relevant information necessary to make informed decisions about the COVID-19 vaccine," said O'Connell. "This is especially important as it relates to our children."

Mayor O'Connell has assembled a panel of experts and will have representatives available from the Board of Health and Taunton Public Schools, as well as several medical experts, including a local pediatrician, an infectious disease specialist and an OB/GYN, to answer questions.

Taunton residents should expect to receive a call from the Mayor's Office shortly before 6pm on Thursday. To participate, interested residents can join the live town hall meeting by simply staying on the line. Residents will also have the option of dialing in to the meeting themselves (877-229-8493, PIN 120370). In addition, an audio streaming link will be provided on the City of Taunton Facebook page for residents interested in listening in on the meeting.

During the live Telephone Town Hall meeting, residents can submit questions to the panelists by following the prompts on the call, or by submitting a question online via the audio streaming link on Facebook. All questions submitted will be shared with the panelists, although callers will not be on "live" with the panelists during the meeting. Questions can also be submitted in advance by email to [COVID19INFO@taunton-ma.gov](mailto:COVID19INFO@taunton-ma.gov).

Mayor O'Connell is hopeful that factual information from experts will help dispel rumors and false information. "People need information to help guide them in making the best decision for themselves and their families. We worked hard to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community this past year and our work is not yet done. I have faith that we will continue to work together to keep our families, friends and neighbors safe."

For further information, please refer to the City of Taunton website ([taunton-ma.gov](http://taunton-ma.gov)) and Facebook page or call the Mayor's Office at 508-821-1000. ###