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RE: COVID-19 Update

Dear Community:

We have made it through the holiday season and are looking to move forward from 2020. However, the challenges of 2020 are not yet behind us. COVID-19 is still a real issue facing everyone. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health issues a weekly Public Health Report in addition to its daily COVID-19 information. Newly added is information regarding vaccinations.

The last two weekly reports show a slow but steady increase in the number of cases in Becket as well as an increase in the positivity rate. As of the Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> weekly report, we were nearly labeled a “higher risk” community.

As we know, vaccinations have begun and frontline healthcare workers and those in long-term care facilities were prioritized. The second phase looks toward first responders and high-risk individuals. For more information regarding COVID-19 or the state’s vaccination process, please refer to the state’s website [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

The turn of the calendar is the perfect time to reflect on our commitment toward following safe practices. The same guidance applies that has been used for nearly a year: wear a mask, maintain a safe distance, avoid crowds, and practice good hygiene. I wish the Becket Community a healthy and happy new year.

Sincerely,

William J. Caldwell  
Town Administrator