

The Shoreline

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Hatem-Roy joins Governor on vaccine update



Earlier this month, ESMV-NS CEO Joan Hatem-Roy joined Gov. Charlie Baker as he announced vaccination sites and a policy to allow those age 75+ and a caregiver to get vaccination appointments together.

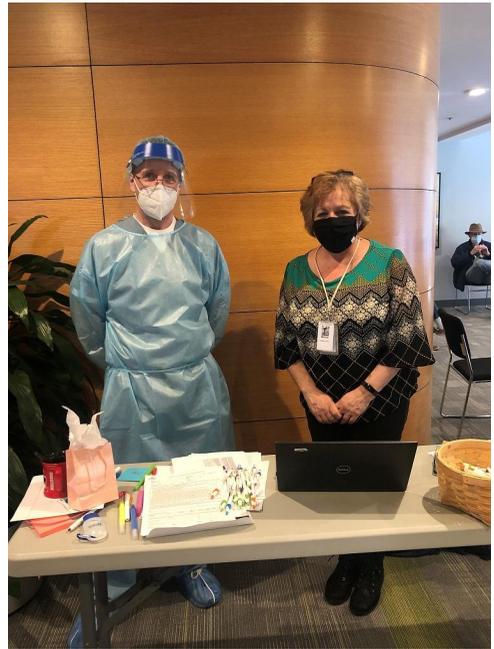
Hatem-Roy called the policy a "game changer" for caregivers and said that it "spotlights the critical role that family caregivers play in the lives of people across our Commonwealth."

Hatem-Roy also thanked the governor for highlighting the vital role the network of Aging Services Access Points, Area Agencies on Aging, and Councils on Aging play in the daily lives of older adults and their families. Since that announcement, more groups in Phase 2 are eligible to get the vaccine: people age 65 and over; residents and staff of affordable senior housing; and people with two or more of certain medical conditions (including asthma).

[Click here](#) to get the latest information on the vaccine. Need help or have questions? Contact our agency at 800-892-0890.



Among those who were vaccinated were Rosemary Brennan of Marblehead, and her caregivers, Kathy and Scott Edwards. Shown here with pharmacy staff.



ESMV-NS CEO Joan Hatem-Roy with Michael Jones, pharmacy operations manager

Following the announcement of the companion policy, ESMV-NS was able to offer the vaccine to our consumers and community members over the age of 75 and their caregivers, thanks to a partnership with Long Term Pharmacy Solutions.

Recently, through the efforts of many of our employees, 220 people were vaccinated in four hours at our office in Danvers. One senior broke down in tears when she learned we had a dose for her caregiver. Thanks to everyone who assisted - and we will do the clinic again when people need their second dose.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Protect yourself and avoid COVID-19 scams



Remember, COVID-19 vaccines are FREE. Never give your personal information out to someone who tells you they can get you a vaccine quicker.

Medicare beneficiaries should take their Medicare cards and an ID to their vaccination appointments, as Medicare will be paying for all beneficiaries. If you are 75+, only go to your vaccine appointment with someone you know, like an

established caretaker, relative or trusted friend. Scammers may try to offer money or a ride so they can get a vaccine.

If you suspect a scam, email ReportAScam@MASMP.org or call the Massachusetts Senior Medicare Patrol program scam line at 978-946-1243 for free assistance.



Ask Joan: Other vaccines older adults should consider

In a recent *Ask Joan* column, our CEO Joan Hatem-Roy discusses other recommended vaccines for people in the 70+ age group.

Older adults are encouraged to have a discussion with their primary physician to make sure their medical records are updated with their vaccination history and to determine if there are any other vaccinations they need. Read the [full column](#), originally published in the *Eagle-Tribune* newspaper.

Your vote can make a difference in our community



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we share a common thread

We need your vote! Elder Services is participating in the Give A Click Fundraiser now through **March 31**.

The We Share A Common Thread Foundation donates \$1,500 every quarter to a worthy area nonprofit organization, and your click can make a difference when you vote for Elder Services. The nonprofit with the most votes will receive \$1,500 from the foundation.

The Give A Click Fundraiser is sponsored by [Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union](#). We ask that you please vote just once per quarter. Once voting is closed, votes from the same IP address will be reviewed for legitimacy in order to keep the voting process fair for all nominees.

[Vote Now](#)

ESMV-NS Staff Wear Red for Heart Health Month

In honor of National **Wear Red Day**, our staff continued a long-standing tradition to Go Red to raise awareness around the effort to eradicate heart disease and stroke.



Marie K., Director of Clinical Support Systems



Carol H., Admin Assistant-HR



Suzanne K., Human Resources Manager



Sandy J., Executive Administrative Assistant



Linda C., Human Resources Assistant



Judy K., PCA Registered Nurse

Do you know the warning signs of heart attack and stroke?
[Click here to learn.](#) It could save your life.

FOOD4VETS: Helping veterans and their families

In response to the increase in food insecurity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation founded Food4Vets. The group packs and distributes meal kits to veterans, military members, and their families. Each kit contains enough food to last two adults 10-12 days.



ESMV-NS employee Nandi Munson, community outreach coordinator, volunteered to help at a recent distribution in Lowell. Munson also runs the Merrimack Valley Veterans Collaborative, a working group of service providers and veterans who share resources and information.

Veterans are asked to pre-register for the meal kit and bring proof of service in the U.S. military at the time of pick up. [Click here](#) to find a distribution site and register.

Latest job openings

ESMV-NS is hiring! We invite you to explore our [current openings](#) for positions based in Danvers and Lawrence.



Elder Services helps more than 40,000 individuals across 28 cities and towns every year. Please consider [making an online donation](#) to support our programs.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore

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