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AS NYS NEARS POST-PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS POINT, EAST HAMPTON TOWN HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED MINIMUM VACCINATION LEVELS FOR REMOVAL OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

Town remains obligated to comply with NYS restrictions until limits are lifted statewide

East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc reviews the 2020-21 COVID-19 pandemic response during Town Board's June 8 work session (PowerPoint attached)

Vaccination levels in East Hampton Town are some of the highest across Long Island, reflecting the town's outreach and education efforts, as well as the Town's groundbreaking and singular achievement in setting up an East Hampton vaccination center, and obtaining a vaccine supply for local residents.

As of May 23, the local vaccination rates, measured by those who have received at least one vaccine dose, were 83.6 percent in Amagansett and Montauk, and 72.5 percent in the East Hampton 11937 ZIP code.

This week, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that most remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted and become optional for many businesses once 70 percent of the state's residents aged 18 and up have received the first dose of the vaccine, a benchmark that has already been achieved in East Hampton Town.

In February of this year, East Hampton Town became the first and only Town to receive a supply of COVID-19 vaccine from Suffolk County. Vaccine clinics held by the town, or in conjunction with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Dr. Gail Schonfeld, and NYS, from February through this week resulted in more than 4,300 people vaccinated, with 8,694 doses administered.

Early clinics focused on key community groups including emergency services members, teachers, and grocery store workers, prioritized to stop the virus's spread. Eligibility for subsequent clinics was expanded, including at a clinic focused on offering vaccines to youth.

The Town's proactive response to the COVID pandemic, immediately launched in the early days even prior to the federal emergency declaration in March, 2020, and ongoing, is outlined in the attached PowerPoint presented by Supervisor Van Scoyoc today, titled "Update:: COVID-19 Pandemic Response – Preserving Public Health, Safety, and Welfare Throughout the Crisis."

