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### **Supporting Vaccination for Older Vermonters**

It is particularly important that we protect the most vulnerable members of our communities from COVID-19. The pandemic has disproportionately affected older Vermonters. With vaccination as our best protection against serious negative outcomes from COVID-19, we are urging Vermonters ages 65 and older to get vaccinated. Whether acting on the decision to get an initial dose, or taking advantage of new opportunities for a booster, accessing vaccine has never been easier in Vermont.

In August, the Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging (V4A) launched their “So, what’s stopping you?” campaign, which shares information and resources related to vaccination with older Vermonters. As part of this campaign, the V4A has been promoting the following helpline and website:

Helpline: (800) 642-5119

Website: [www.vaccine4vermont.com](http://www.vaccine4vermont.com)

Older Vermonters are encouraged to call the helpline or visit the website to receive support in getting vaccinated. V4A can answer questions and assist with resources to schedule vaccination, including those that may need translation services. They can also assist with resources for transportation to a vaccination clinic or for in-home vaccination administered by a licensed provider.

For older Vermonters who have not yet been vaccinated, and for those who have yet to receive a booster, now is the time. If you have encountered barriers in accessing vaccine, please call the helpline and website above to explore resources available to help.

*V4A is an association of five non-profit Area Agencies on Aging located throughout Vermont, including Age Well, Central Vermont Council on Aging, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, Southwest Vermont Council on Aging and Senior Solutions.*

**About the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL):**

Our mission is to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability - with dignity, respect and independence.

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