

**Wellesley Council on Aging**  
**Working Group for Vaccine Policy Development**  
**Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:00pm**  
**ONLINE REMOTE MEETING via ZOOM format**

**Present:** Gregory Wilson, Marlene Allen, Lori Ferrante

Meeting commenced at 5:07pm

The draft policy regarding implementation of a “vaccine mandate” was reviewed with the intent of clarifying content, and proposing language that would best convey the intentions of the Board. The committee clarified that any policy would apply to patrons of the COA who enter the Tolles Parsons building to participate in programming, as well as COA volunteers and instructors who were engaged to provide “in-person” onsite classes or activities. Any policy would NOT apply to town employees, those entering the building briefly in the course of supporting the business of the COA (such as delivery people), or people entering the building for non-COA gatherings (such as voting, or non-COA meetings).

The intent is to require vaccination, and booster if the patron is eligible, to help provide the safest possible setting for patrons to feel comfortable entering the building and participating in activities.

A discussion ensued regarding potential operational concerns, including talking through various scenarios that could arise. Greg provided a list of concerns that were reviewed point by point, including issues such as how to handle communication with those whose primary language is not English, ensuring access to the social worker by the public, and responding to potential new patrons who arrive for information and a building tour.

The committee did not feel a vaccine policy should apply to those riding the COA bus.

After lengthy discussion, a revised draft of the proposed policy was developed for consideration by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Lori Ferrante

**Approved at the meeting on February 10, 2022.**