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## **Peabody Properties and Whittier Street Health Center Partner to Bring COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic to Roxse Homes**

ROXBURY and BRAINTREE, MA, ISSUED FEBRUARY 22, 2021...Peabody Properties ([www.peabodyproperties.com](http://www.peabodyproperties.com)), a group of award-winning property management and real estate firms, in conjunction with Whittier Street Health Center ([www.wshc.org](http://www.wshc.org)), an urban health and wellness center accredited by the Joint Commission and recognized by the NCQA as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home, recently announced they will hold a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for 150 residents of Roxse Homes this Friday, February 26.

Whittier Street Health Center has secured 150 doses of the Moderna vaccine for residents of Roxse Homes; the organization will direct the clinic and provide two nurses and one additional staff member to assist with registration. Because the community is comprised of more than 600 residents, Peabody Properties will conduct a lottery for anyone interested in receiving the vaccine and who meets the current eligibility guidelines. Selected residents will be notified Thursday.

Peabody Properties has recently distinguished itself recently by becoming one of the first property management companies to offer COVID vaccination clinics to its senior affordable housing communities throughout the Commonwealth beginning last month.

“We’re thrilled to partner with Peabody Properties on this important initiative,” said Frederica M. Williams, president and CEO of the Whittier Street Health Center in Roxbury. “In an effort to increase the vaccination rates in minority communities, we have invested a significant amount of time on internal education for our majority minority staff and external education of community leaders, faith leaders, patients and residents. Close to 85% of our staff have been vaccinated, which is significant given they reflect the BIPOC communities we serve.

“We believe in leading by example, and they will be a good resource to the Roxse residents and many others in the target population,” added Williams.

“We are excited at Roxse Homes for our senior population and those that meet the CDC requirements to protect our surrounding communities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine,” said D’Anthony Clark, representative of the Roxse Tenants Association. “As pressure grows

for states to open clinics for individuals getting vaccinated, we are alleviating stress by offering the vaccine at our community.”

“We are so grateful to have found a partner like Whittier Street Health Center for this vital undertaking,” added Melissa Fish-Crane, principal and chief operating officer at Peabody Properties. “This upcoming clinic is not only a significant step in our efforts to ensure residents in all of our communities have vaccine access, but also aligns importantly with the Governor’s recently announced Targeted Outreach Initiative, and we are proud to be able to assist in this most critical effort.”

### **About Whittier Street Health Center**

Whittier Street Health Center is an independently licensed community health care center with a mission of providing high quality, reliable and accessible primary healthcare for diverse populations while promoting wellness and eliminating health and social disparities. A champion of equitable access to high quality, patient-focused care, social justice and economic equity, Whittier is accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC), certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient-Centered Medical Home, and recognized by the NCQA for its Behavioral Health Integration. Through its locations in Roxbury and North Dorchester, and its Mobile Health Van program, Whittier serves nearly 30,000 patients and 20,000 community outreach visits annually; its ethnically and racially diverse patient base is primarily made up of individuals from Roxbury, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, the South End and Greater Boston. Approximately 36% of Whittier’s patients are uninsured. Whittier provides a comprehensive array of 40 healthcare programs and services designed to meet the primary health care, behavioral health, and social needs of the community. Learn more at [www.wshc.org](http://www.wshc.org).

### **About Peabody Properties**

The Peabody Companies and its affiliates – Peabody Properties, Peabody Resident Services, Peabody Supportive Housing, Peabody Real Estate and Peabody Miami – is headquartered in Braintree, Massachusetts, at 536 Granite Street. A full-service real estate firm, Peabody Properties manages over 13,650+ units of housing throughout New England, as well as additional communities in New Jersey and Florida. This award-winning, privately held company and Accredited Management Organization (AMO) was incorporated in 1976 and is under the direction of Karen Fish-Will and Melissa Fish-Crane, who were recently ranked #31 (out of 50) on Glassdoor’s 2018 SMB Top CEOs list. Recognizing its long-term commitment to Resident Services as a unique area of expertise within the field of property management, a specialty sector, Peabody Resident Services was established and is dedicated solely to the development of support services and programs for residents of affordable housing. Designated as a Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and certified by the Massachusetts State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA), Peabody was recently ranked #54 on the 2020 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Affordable 100 List, as well as a 2017, 2018 and 2019 Top Place to Work by the Boston Globe and 2018 and 2019 Glassdoor Best Place to Work (most recently ranked #10). Learn more at <http://www.peabodyproperties.com> or on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

