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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **FEBRUARY 5, 2021**

As we wrap up the virtual conventions for both the NEWEA Annual Conference and the MWUA Annual Trade show, we are once again reminded of the unique challenges that Covid-19 continues to present us with. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is hosting a series of webinars on COVID-19 vaccination for essential workers, including a webinar specifically for the Water Sector. The webinar will provide an overview of vaccine distribution and implementation and briefly cover safety and efficacy. Participants are encouraged to submit any questions they have when they register so the presenter can address any FAQs. Here are the webinar logistics:

**When:** February 10, 2021; 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Topic:** Update on COVID-19 Vaccination for Essential Workers

**Audience:** Drinking water and wastewater treatment workforce, including engineers, sanitation workers, and other administrative and professional staff

**Register in advance for this**

**webinar:** [https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_nldhO7LWQf6kOLCkWq1eXA](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_nldhO7LWQf6kOLCkWq1eXA)

Or an H.323/SIP room system:

H.323: 161.199.138.10 (US West) or 161.199.136.10 (US East)

Meeting ID: 161 172 1632

Passcode: 14483787

SIP: [1611721632@sip.zoomgov.com](mailto:1611721632@sip.zoomgov.com)

Passcode: 14483787

I want everyone to know that MEWEA leadership, working with other water and wastewater associations, are doing everything we can to get water and wastewater essential personnel moved up on the priority list for the Covid-19 Vaccine. You can do your part by reaching out to your local state representatives and tell them how important the work we do is. Without drinking water and wastewater utility staff to perform daily operations, this critical infrastructure that underpins society as we know it is at risk. Many of Maine's small utilities could be shut down with just one or two cases of Covid-19 at their facility. I don't have to tell any of you that this simply cannot be allowed to happen. We can't simply close our doors and go home. Hospitals, police stations, and fire stations to name a few all need clean water and sewer to do the especially important work that they do.

Thank you all for your hard work and diligence.

Sincerely,

Phil Tucker

2021 MeWEA President

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