



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
*HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT*

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MAYOR

*DOUGLAS KRESS*  
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
April 28, 2020  
Open Conference Call

**Present:**

Douglas Kress, Director  
Brian Green, MD (Chair)  
Paula Machado, Board Member  
Robert Ciccio, Board Member

**Absent:**

None

**Meeting Called to Order:**

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

Motion by Chair Green, second by Ms Machado, approved 3-0

**Director Updates:**

Director Kress provided an update on City actives and local statistics.

Face covering order review

- Reasonable agreement to cover face and nose
- Some have requested minor adjustments for age and exercise
- Due to density, it is difficult maintain social distancing in many areas
- Consideration should be given to distributions of masks

Board offered their support for the order.

Chair Green offered some advice about weather and cloth masks that may retain moisture.

Member Ciccio offered an observation that more people are following the guidance.

Expanding testing

- CHA partnership to expand community testing
- Swab testing
- Appointments only

Challenges

Homeless  
Housing stability/Over crowding  
Social Distancing  
Workforce impacts

Member Ciccio and Machado recognized the leadership of the City as being a leader and setting the example for others in Commonwealth, Somerville has a history of this, for example the vaping regulations

**Next meeting – virtually**

Tuesday, May 13, 6:00pm

**Adjournment:**

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. It was seconded by Member Machado

**Nest meeting List of Documents:**

Notice/Agenda,

Respectfully Submitted,  
Douglas Kress, Director of Health and Human Services  
May 13, 2020