



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
February 18, 2021
Open Conference / Virtual Meeting

Present:

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

Absent:

Kathy Teixeira, Recording Secretary

Guests: One (1) attendee

Meeting Called to Order:

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Approval of Minutes: The January 21, 2021 minutes were not available to vote on this month.

Covid19 Updates: Key Dates – 2/5 Businesses to remain at 25% capacity; re-opening to return to limited Phase 3, Step 1 as of 2/1/21. Total cases as of 2/11/21 were 107,454,322 and fatalities are 2,357,406 globally. In Mass, as of 2/9/21, 521,045 confirmed cases and 14,903 fatalities. There are 1,358 patients hospitalized for covid19. The average age of patients who were hospitalized was 72. Testing as of 2/13/21, Somerville conducted a total of 332,170 tests. Somerville is looking to work with CHA to help residents who cannot get to Fenway. Covid Vaccine Update: The state has vaccination sites located at Fenway, Gillette, Danvers, Natick Mall, and Dartmouth. Public vaccination sites can also be found in Hopkinton, Marlborough, Needham, Newton and Arlington. Vaccinations sites can also be found at the following locations: Walgreens (Chelsea, Everett, and Revere); CVS (Cambridge, Newton, Revere, Wayland) Big Y (Walpole) Wegmans (Burlington, Newton, Westwood) Hannaford (Waltham) and Stop & Shop (Woburn). In the food stores go to their pharmacies. 211 went live; one caregiver can go with someone 75+ and receive a vaccine too. As of 2/5, local health departments must have distributed 85% vaccines before receiving more shipments. Schools are in the process of reopening and returning students to class. Not all schools will be open. SHS will have the special ed students. Winterhill students will be at the SHS. Testing protocols are in place and have been a success for students, teachers and staff. Contact tracing team is working hard. We are beginning pool testing in the schools.

Fats, Oils, Grease Regulations: has been postponed until next month.

Next meeting – Virtual

March 18, 2021 @ 6pm

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents:

Notice/Agenda

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle-Teixeira
Board of Health Secretary
March 22, 2021