

**CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> , 2021 AT 4:30 PM. This public hearing will be held as a virtual meeting over ZOOM.**

***Join Zoom Meeting***

***This meeting is being held in accordance with Governor Charlie Baker’s signed Open Meeting Law dated March 12, 2020, which relieves a public body from the requirement of Section 20 of Chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.***

**AGENDA**

I- Welcome/Introduction of Dr. Mary Brophy, Board Chairperson

II- Minutes are available for September Board meeting.....

III- Request Business Owner Suresh Patel to “Relocate Tobacco License” with Store from 200 Westgate Mall to 739 Belmont St, Unit 743.

IV-The latest Statistical Data on COVID19 cases for Brockton, and on vaccination updates, the percent of the population being vaccinated.

Current cases (as of 11/2/21-----): N=209, Cumulative cases (from the beginning to date): N=16,537, Deaths (due to COVID-19) N=448: Cumulative: N=16,515, Deaths: N=447; September: Cumulative: N=15,933; Deaths: N=444

V- Dashboard on COVID-19: the current statistics on the pandemic show Brockton in a more favorable position. In Brockton, currently our daily average of COVID-19 cases (as of 11/01/21) 21.1 per 100,000; the positive rate: 2.4%, Vaccination update (eligible population): 78.4% vaccinated, that is 64.9 % fully vaccinated, and 13.5% partially vaccinated.

VI- COVID-19 Vaccination continues to be a major component of the Board of Health day-to-day endeavors. In partnership with MDPH, BOH, the City of Brockton, and Brewster Ambulance, we officially opened a “Regional Booster COVID Vaccination Clinic” at the Shaw’s Center on September 26. The current schedule is 5 days per week: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, from noon to 8:00 PM, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. First and second doses are also available for ALL three (3) vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. BOH continues to vaccinate at the Cape Verdean Association (575 N. Montello St.) every Thursday, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

VII- PIH (Partners In Health) contract phasing out: the MDPH contract with PIH to help doing COVID-19 Contact Tracing is phasing out by November, which will create a gap in this important work. We have received a \$1 million grant (\$500,000/yr. for 2 years. We are actively interviewing applicants for 6 positions: 2 Epidemiologists, 3 Community Health Workers

(CHWs), plus 1 Administrative Assistant. We are diligently working to fill these positions this November.

Flu Vaccination: We have help 4 flu vaccination clinics in October: 2 at the COA, and 2 at City Hall for City Employees

VIII- BOH Van Project: The “Van is in operation. We use it 2-4 times a week for vaccination clinics

IX- BOH Nursing Vacancy: we are actively looking to hire one (1) RN to fill a vacant position.

X- Digitalizing BOH: We are a step closer to upgrading our Department so that, using current IT (Information Technology), it may become more efficient.

XI- New Name/New Face for BOH: As stated before, I was summoned to appear before the City Council to respond to inquiries on changing the Board of Health to “Health Department”. Seemingly, the work is in progress, but I do not have the specific...

XII- A- Health Promotion & Public Health Education: MDPH has provided tremendous support throughout the pandemic. We continue to partner with various stakeholders around the City: community organization like Cape Verdean Organization, the School Department, Clergy groups, with different media outlets, Brockton Housing Authority, etc.

XIII- Miscellaneous: Resumption of In-person Board meeting.....

XIV- Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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