

CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2021 AT 4:30 PM. This public hearing will be held as a virtual meeting over ZOOM.

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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 November Board meeting.....

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

Current cases: N=57; Active (as of 11/30/21)= N=310, Cumulative cases (from the beginning to date): N=17,347, Deaths (due to COVID-19) N=452; Cases to the end of November: Cumulative: N=15,933; Active N=209; Deaths: N=448

IV- 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 11/29/21) 32.9 per 100,000; the positive rate: 3.5%; (as of 11/2/21: 21.1cases per 100,000; & positive rate: 2.4%) Vaccination update (eligible population): 82.4% vaccinated(12Y.O. and up), that is 67.8% fully vaccinated, and 14.7% partially vaccinated.

V- 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. The number of vaccination at the Shaw’s Center: 4 days last week (11/23-27)=1,595, averaging 400 doses/day. BOH continues to vaccinate at the Cape Verdean Association (575 N. Montello St.), as well as at the high rises and low rises.

VI- PIH (Partners In Health) contract with MDPH ends as of 11/30. What does that mean for Brockton and the BOH? We have to directly engage in COVID-19 cases investigation and Contact Tracing. We have received a grant from MDPH in the amount of \$1 million (\$500,000/yr. for 2 years to hire some staff to help us. As of Tuesday, 11/30, we have officially hired 4 individuals under that grant: 1 Epidemiologist, 3 Community Health Workers (CHWs).

Flu Vaccination: We continue to provide flu vaccination clinics to City Employees, and the elderly

VII- BOH Van Project: The “Van was part of the float in the Parade on Saturday, November 27, and with 32 people got vaccinated at that venue.

VIII- BOH Nursing Vacancy: we have made an offer to an RN and she has accepted. She should start with us next week.

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

X- New Name/New Face for BOH: It looks as though the plan is moving forward, along with the idea to transfer the Health/Housing Inspectors to the Building Department, but I do not have the specific...

XI- 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, etc. I am extremely eager to start launching new initiatives to address other critical health issues facing the Residents of Brockton

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

XIII- Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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