

CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH , 2022 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 December Board meeting.....

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

IV-COVID-19 Dashboard (cases), Current & at the close of our December meeting:

Current: (as of 1/4/22): Daily, N=289; Active, N=2,619; Cumulative, N=22,044, Deaths, N=472...

December 2, 2021, Daily, N=72, active, N=407, Cumulative, N=17,463, Deaths, N=453

V- Dashboard on COVID-19: the current statistics on the pandemic Brockton is showing a somber picture! In Brockton, currently our daily average of COVID-19 cases (as of 01/03/22) is 218.8 per 100,000 (compared to 21.1 per 100,000 by the beginning of December); the positive rate (as of Jan 3rd): 10.72.4%! Vaccination update (eligible population, 5 Y.O and older) is 63.3% with 2 doses or J&J. Then old definition of being fully vaccinated with 2 shots no longer stands. Everyone will need a “Booster” to raise their immune strength to a level necessary to help fight the pandemic.

VI- Vaccination and testing remain the 2 major components of addressing in the fight against COVID-19. 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 schedule continues as 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. We add another site, and that is Massasoit Community College.

VII- PIH (Partners In Health) the MDPH contract with PIH to help with COVID-19 case investigation and Contact Tracing is done. With the \$1 million grant (\$500,000 per year) for 2 years, BOH was able to hire one Epidemiologist and three (3) Community Health Workers/Contact Tracers to continue this much needed work.

VIII- BOH Nursing Vacancy: The position has been filled.

IX- 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, February 3, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer BOH, City of Brockton