

CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 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 January 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 January meeting:

Current(as of 2/1/22): Daily, N=16; Active, N=658; Cumulative, N=28,531; Deaths, N=514

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

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 01/31/22), is 136.0 per 100,000 (compared to 218.8 per 100,000 by the beginning of January); the current positive rate (as of Jan 31): 21.3%!

Vaccination update (eligible population, 5 Y.O and older) is 65.8% with 2 doses or J&J. The percent of Brockton residents that have been “Boosted” is 26.4% (as of 1/31/22). **A brief comparison in vaccination stats at the Shaw’s Center: for the month of December, 10,368 doses of vaccine were administered, in January, the total doses administered were 3,457. That is a significant drop (66.6%)** in vaccination between the 2 months. Some of the reasons include but not limited to: 1)- Rush to get vaccinated for the holiday, 2)-other vaccination sites available in surrounding neighborhoods, 3)-Distribution of Home Self Test Kits. There is no mandates for people to report their COVID positive test results to the DPM or LBOH. We are generating an educational/tracking form to hand out to individuals at the time that they receive their Home Test Kits so they may not only learn how to best utilize the test kits but also to report their positive results to LBOH, if they so choose to.

VI- Vaccination and testing remain the 2 major components of addressing in the fight against COVID-19. 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 vax site, and that is Massasoit Community College. Test Site for COVID-19: we have 2 sites for testing: @ MCC (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, from 7 to 11 AM, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, from 2 to 7 PM)), and the Shaw's Center (Mondays, from 12 noon to 5 PM, Tuesdays through Fridays, from 11AM to 4 PM)

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. This week, we are conducting interviews to hire an additional Epidemiologist and one CHW/CT to replace one of the three (3) who resigned.

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

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... I have shared with the Mayor that the Board of Directors would like to invite him to today's meeting so that he could share with them the latest on the plan to transform BOH to Department of Health.

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-As the Director of Public Health for the City and a Newly appointed member on the Department of Mental Health's Statewide Advisory Council, I'd like to promote and implement the integration of the Mental Health aspect of needs with the Public Health Standards of Care in the City of Brockton.

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

XIV- Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer BOH, City of Brockton