

CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, MAY 5th, 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.

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AGENDA

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

II-Board's approval of the Minutes of the April's Meeting

III-SPECIAL ITEM TO BE HEARD BY THE BOARD: Life science, Bio Ready Community, Adoption of NIH Guidelines for Recombinant DNA (rDNA), Brought by Mr. Rob May, City Commissioner for Planning and Economic Development.

IV-The latest Statistical Data on COVID-19 cases for Brockton, and on vaccination updates, the percent of the population being vaccinated.

V-COVID-19 Dashboard (cases), Current & at the close of the month of April:

Current: Daily (as of 5/3/22): New positive cases, N=19; Active, N=205; Cumulative, N=29,552; Deaths, N=492

April: (4/4/22): Daily, N=4; Active, N=60; Cumulative, N=29,115; Deaths, N=491

VI- Dashboard on COVID-19: the current statistics on the pandemic in Brockton is showing an increase! In Brockton currently, our daily average of COVID-19 cases (as of 05/03/22), is 153.2 per 100,000! Our positive rate is: 2.5%! This rate is under stated, given that people who self test from Antigen Home Test kits are not really included in this report.

VII- Changes in Vaccination and testing modality: as of March 31st, the new schedule for vaccination includes: Tuesdays, 2:00 to 7:00 PM (with the Public Health Nurses), and on Saturdays, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM (with Brewster's Ambulance. First and second doses are also available for ALL three (3) vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. Similarly, 1st and 2nd Boosters are also available. BOH continues to vaccinate at the Cape Verdean Association (575 N. Montello St.) every Thursday, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. We add another vax site, and that is Massasoit Community College, we have made ourselves available to help vaccinate the College population. On the same note, Board of Health Nurses are the Shaw's every Tuesday, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM to administer vaccine and help the Community up—to-date with its Vaccine requirements. Testing Sites for COVID-19 are NOT available in Brockton at this time. BOH

continues to work with the Mayor to see if we can have an Official, ongoing Testing site in the City.

VIRAL LOAD (Concentration): Brockton now has access to COVID-19 data from sewer wastewater samples that shows the concentration or the viral load in the City.

VIII- BOH redeploying staff for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing: We are expanding these resources to address other Public Health needs that exist in the City of Brockton. The \$1 million grant (\$500,000 per year) for 2 years, BOH is using it to focus on a more holistic approach to seek after better health and wellbeing of the residents of Brockton. We hired one Epidemiologist and three (3) Community Health Workers/Contact Tracers. We plan on hiring one Epidemiologist and one CI/CT (Case Investigators/Contact Tracers). We do have 2 finalists, and we submitted their name and their resume to the Mayor for his review. Once he moves to give us his suggestions, we will extend a job offer to one of the candidates

IX- 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...

X- 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.

XI-SPECIAL VISIT TO SOUTHEASTERN DMH: 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.

XII- **A SYMPOSIUM:** I would like to plan for “A Symposium” for the City to Discuss COVID-19 and Develop a Framework from the Lessons Learned for the past two (2) years in order to help Build a Healthier Community...

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

XIV- Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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