

**CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 (pending...)

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 (Resubmission, due to Government's protocol, and Robert's Rules of Order).

IV-SPECIAL ITEM TO BE HEARD BY THE BOARD (1<sup>ST</sup> Submission): Jacobs Driscoll Engineering, Inc. Requesting a VARIANCE to reconfigure/replace the "Enclosure" around Dumpster, as presently ordained by the City of Brockton.

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

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

CURRENT (as of 5/31/22): New positive Cases, N=17; Active, N=255; Cumulative: N=30,369; Deaths: N=495.

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

VII- Dashboard on COVID-19: the current statistics on the pandemic in Brockton is showing an increase! In Brockton currently, our 7-Days COVID-19 Prevalence (as of 05/31/22): 189.5 per 100,000. Positive rate:4.8% (ONLY on the PCR tests reported to MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Networks). At the beginning of the month (as of 5/3/22, Active cases):153.2 per 100,000! Our current positive rate is under stated, given that people who self-test from Antigen Home Test kits are not really included in this report.

VIII- Vaccination and Testing modality: as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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, first & second boosters are also available for ALL three (3) vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna (1 for J&J). BOH continues to vaccinate at the Cape Verdean Association (575 N. Montello St.) every Thursday, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. We've added 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. BOH met with the Mayor as of May 27, to see if we can have an Official. The Mayor agrees for the City to seek an MOU with an independent company to do testing.

**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. Last samples collected that we have data for (5/24/22, with the report date: 5/27/22), the Viral load was over 1million particles per 1L of sewer (1,000,000/L).

IX- 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 are hiring 2 other Epidemiologists or 1.5FTE to complete our surveillance staff.

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- 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-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.

XIII- **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...

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

XV- Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 7, August 4, 2022, depending on Board Members' choice for vacation...

Respectfully submitted,

Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer BOH, City of Brockton