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## Health Department

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**CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022 AT 4:30 PM. This public hearing will be held as a virtual meeting over ZOOM.**

### ***Join Zoom Meeting***

*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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<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheBrocktonChannels>

### **AGENDA**

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

II-Board's approval of the Minutes for the November 3rd Meeting...

III- Life science, Bio Ready Community, Adoption of NIH Guidelines for Recombinant DNA (rDNA): the conversation being held with other Municipalities for this type of project. New update...

IV-THE BOARD VOTED TO DENY A REQUEST FOR NEW TOBACCO LICENSE IN THE CITY: BOH received a request for a "New Tobacco Permit submitted by Attorney John McCluskey's Law Firm representing a business d/b/a/: 711 Convenience Store, located at 716 Belmont Street, Brockton. After a hearing and the revision of the City of Brockton's Standing Ordinances, the Board of Directors has denied the issuance of a new license, based upon the stipulations written in such ordinances. Letter has been sent to the attorney representing the business. N.B.: Once attorney McCluskey's Law Firm received the letter, they have submitted a request for documents filed with the BOH by 2 other retail stores whose applications for tobacco license has been granted.

**V-NEW REQUEST** relating to "Hookah Use in Public Area" in the City of Brockton: Petitioners-

1)-Fred Fontaine and Business;

2)-Chantel St. Germaine and Business

**VI- UPHOLDING TOBACCO REGULATIONS & ORDINANCES:** A discussion with City Councilors, DPH Representative, and Directors of the Brockton BOH...

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

VIII-COVID-19 Dashboard (cases): CURRENT (as of 11/22/22): New Positive Cases, N=13, Active Cases, N=72, Cumulative, N=33,067, Deaths=509. We have recorded 3 more deaths in the month of November.

Stats at the end of October (through 10/26/22): New Positive Cases, N=13, Active Cases, N=97, Death, N=506, Cumulative, N=32,823.

IX- Dashboard on COVID-19: In Brockton currently, in the last 7-Days (through 11/22), COVID-19 Prevalence is as follows: 50.2 per 100,000. Positive rate: 6.5% (ONLY) the PCR tests are reported to MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Networks). NB: Antigen Home Test results are not included in this report.

X- “MONOVALENT & BIVALENT” COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing modality: We have seen an uptake with vaccination demand as Federal and MDPH have authorized “Bivalent” vaccines. FDA & CDC have authorized both Pfizer and Moderna bivalent doses almost for all eligible ages. Public Health Nurses (PHN) continue to offer COVID-19 at the Shaw’s Center as before. Tuesdays, 2:00 to 7:00 PM. On Saturdays, Brewster’s Ambulance provides the vaccine at the same location, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Also, BOH continues to vaccinate at the Cape Verdean Association (575 N. Montello St.) every other Thursday, from 2:00 to 4:30 PM. PHN also do the High Rises, Low Rises around the City. We’ve added few other vax sites, which are “Occasional” and they include: City Hall (clinic for City employees), the Police and Fire Departments, Massasoit Community College, Council on Aging (COA), Farmers’ Market (City Hall), Caffrey Tower.

DPH/CDC INCENTIVES: In partnership with DPH & CDC, various amounts of Gift Card Incentives have been provided at our Vaccination clinics. Consequently, the number of people who are getting vaccinated has improved significantly.

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 (10/23/22), with the report date: (11/22/22), the Viral load was 927,742 of COVID-19 particles per 1L of sewer. “The City of Brockton sample has a higher concentration levels than 82% of all quantifiable samples collected within the past 2 weeks.”

XI- A- Health Promotion & Public Health Education: MDPH has provided tremendous support throughout the pandemic. We continue to partner with various stakeholders around the City: BNHC, community organization like Cape Verdean Organization, the School Department, Clergy groups, BAMSI, Brockton Housing Authority, and with different media outlets, etc.

XII- Mental Health needs have increased among the residents of Brockton. We have reached out to State and local Partners in order to identify resources to help meet the need. Part of our goal is the integration of the Mental Health aspect of needs with the Public Health Standards of Care in the City of Brockton. An ongoing concern has to do with mental health challenges and its impact on homelessness. DMH and its allies are exploring innovative interventions in order to help solve these challenges.

XIII-Miscellaneous: Governor Baker has signed an order to extend remote meeting (3/23).

-Monkeypox, as of 10/26, we do not have any case of monkeypox being reported in Brockton.

RSV-Increase Respiratory Infection among children in Brockton...

Medical Advisory Committee for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (MACET): I am an active member of this Statewide Committee.

XIV- Our Next Board Meeting into 2023: Thursday

(TBD).....

Respectfully submitted,

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