



City of Brockton Health Department

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CITY OF BROCKTON BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY, MAY 02, 2024 AT 4:30 PM. This public hearing will be held as a via zoom with strict accommodation for State Partners to join in and anyone who calls the BOH beforehand, to request zoom access!

Join Zoom Meeting

This meeting is being held in accordance with Governor Maura Healey'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.

Here is the YouTube link that you can post on the website permanently and it will never change:

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

AGENDA

I- Welcome/Introduction of Dr. Craig Andrade, Chairperson.

II- --Board's approval of the Minutes for the APRIL 4, 2024 Meeting.

III- REQUEST FOR HEARING AT THIS MEETING.

VIOLETION OF TOBACCO PERMIT:

- **GOLYMPIC MARKET (d/b/a/)**, located at 404 N. Main Street, Brockton. Date of violations: March 19,2024; Sale of a tobacco product to a person under the age of twenty-one. On the date aforementioned (4/19/2024).

NOTE: As of May 11, 2023, CDC and MDPH have decided to remove the Public Health Emergency Authorization for COVID-19. Consequently, changes have been made in COVID-19 protocol, including mask mandate, and Isolation time. COVID-19 is considered in its endemic phase, and is likely to become a seasonal communicable infection

Other COVID-19 Vaccination changes: CDC, and MDPH have updated COVID-19 vaccine. The Government (Federal and State) indicates that free vaccine will continue for individuals 18 years old and younger, and for people who are economically challenged. As for the rest of the U.S. population, People can reach out to their PCP who may bill their health insurance. We do have Vaccine supplies, both: Flu & COVID-19.

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IV-The latest Statistical Data on COVID-19 cases for Brockton, and on vaccination updates, including other related interventions:

V-COVID-19 Dashboard (cases): CURRENT, (as of 4/29/24) New Positive Cases, N=1, Active Cases, N=10, Cumulative, N=35,351, Deaths, N=545 (1 new death in April, vaccine was not updated).

PRIOR MONTHS→ (as of 3/1/24) New Positive Cases, N=3, Active Cases, N=29, Cumulative, N=35311, Deaths, N=544 (1 new death in February).

VI- Dashboard on COVID-19: As of May 11, 2023, **NO regular COVID-19 dashboard is supported by DPH.** COVID-19 Prevalence has dropped during prior months but in August, Brockton did experience an uptake; nevertheless PCR/molecular tests remain the confirmed data recorded on MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Networks). NO Antigen Home Test results are not included in the ongoing report updates.

VII- Vaccination Initiative to date: Our PH Nurses continue to set up vaccination clinics for our residents as we see fit. Also, we concurrently continue to offer seasonal flu vaccines to the residents. The Shaw's Center remains a preferred site for such clinics as well. Other vaccination clinic sites include, City Hall employees, BPD, the Housing Authority Facilities, and at special Community events.

N.B.: Public Health Nurses have already scheduled Flu and COVID-19 clinics for the City Residents.

VIRAL LOAD (Concentration): Brockton has access to COVID-19 data from sewer wastewater samples that show the concentration or the viral load in the City. DPH has retained Biobot analytics to continue to provide stats from the wastewater sample for COVID-19

IX- TRENDING UP INFECTIONS IN TB CASES: For several months, the State has observed a significant rise in New TB (13) cases. At least, three main factors account for that: the significant drop in COVID-19, giving rise to more mobility, more people travel now than during the pandemic. A second reason, we have a rise in the number of people migrating to the Country and the State.

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: BNHC, community organization like Cape Verdean Organization, the School Department, Clergy groups, BAMS, Brockton Housing Authority, IFSI (Immigrant Family Services Institute), and with different media outlets, etc.

XI- On Friday, January 19, 2024, I have had a very productive Meeting with DMH Commissioner Brooke Doyle. Moving forward, we aim at working to address the mental Health needs of Brockton residents in a more collaborative fashion. DMH and its allies are exploring innovative interventions in order to help solve the Mental Health challenges. **With New Administration, Gov. Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll at the Corner Office, much remains to be determined. Also, the New National Mental Health Emergency Hotline is in service: 988.**

XII-Miscellaneous: Governor Healey has reauthorized the order that was previously signed by former Administration to extend remote meeting through 3/31/25.

BOH participated in an event with the Cape Verdean Nurses' Association of Brockton last weekend (4/27/24); During the Month of May, Mental Health Month, BOH will be involved in several activities around Brockton.

BOH has initiated a series of "Community Wellness Clinics" in Partnership with the Brockton Housing Authority. Presently, we are expanding to the larger Brockton Community.

THE STATE OF OUR HOSPITALS: Good Samaritan: update from a meeting this week City Officials, and all area health service providers...

Brockton Hospital remains closed, due to a fire in its electrical room. The efforts continue by the Signature Healthcare and all the stakeholders to make sure that the required work is done in the hope to reopen. The repair work continues with an anticipation of a tentative reopening within a few months...

Medical Advisory Committee for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (MACET): As an active member of this Statewide Committee, I continue to be a voice at the "Local Municipality" and at the State Level. MDPH continues to significantly support our work in this regard. The latest over the cases in Brockton:

XIII- Our Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2024

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Respectfully submitted,

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