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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of December 10, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and given the current prohibitions on gatherings imposed by Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 "Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People," this public hearing was conducted virtually, as allowed by Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20.

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Leanne Jasset, Chair
Kathy Reda, Vice Chair
Mary Ellard, Member

The following staff were present:

Bridget Sweet, Interim Board of Health Director

Chairwoman Jasset called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Director's Report

The Health Department has been disseminating information from the State about quarantine guidance, testing capacity, critical infrastructure, and the statewide rollback to Phase Three Step One of the Reopening Plan. On December 13, the entire Commonwealth reverting to Phase Three Step One, regardless of community designation. Restaurants will have new restrictions. When dining at an establishment after December 13, everyone will be required to wear a mask, except when actively eating and drinking. Tables must be spaced at least six feet apart and parties of no more than six are allowed per table. There will be a 90-minute time limit on tables, and musical performances are no longer permitted in restaurants.

Fitness Centers and indoor gyms will require a face covering, even if individuals can maintain 14 feet of physical distancing. Capacity will decrease to 40%. The Department continues to receive permit renewals, and conduct restaurant inspections, septic inspections, and assist businesses with contact tracing.

Governor Baker announced that phase one of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan will run from December 2020 through February 2021. Priority is starting with industries including clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers providing direct COVID-19 facing care, long term care facilities, assisted living

facilities, congregate care settings, police, fire, and emergency medical services. Phase two will occur in February 2021 through April 2021.

Madam Chair announced that the Town of Dedham had an increase of 107 new COVID-19 cases from last week.

Member Mary Ellard made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Kathy Reda and Chairwoman Leanne Jasset Seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Board of Health's Meeting held on December 10, 2020 which minutes were approved on July 7, 2021.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman