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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of September 30, 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:

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The following staff was present:

Bridget Sweet, Interim Health Director

The Board provided the following statistics from the COVID-19 testing period of September 21 to September 25: 1,364 Dedham residents were tested with a total of 17 positive cases identified.

As reported last week, Schools are moving toward a phased approach of hybrid and in-person learning. The Board continues to work closely with Superintendent Mike Welch and School Committee Chair Lisa Laprade to ensure a safe and successful transition for students and staff.

Flu Clinics

The Board announced the first of many planned Flu Clinics, beginning with a by-appointment only clinic for seniors. Appointments can be scheduled through the Council on Aging by calling 781-326-1650. The clinics will be held at the Endicott Estate on October 9 and October 30. The Board will have additional information on future clinics as soon as they confirmed.

Confirmed Cases

There are 516 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Dedham as of September 30, 2020. Please note, this number reflects the total number of cases confirmed since March 2020. As a result of the recent increase in confirmed cases across the Commonwealth, the Board strongly urges residents to continue to practice social distancing, proper hygiene and the wearing of a face covering.

Hazardous Waste Day

The Board reminded residents of the Annual Household Hazardous Waste & Television Collection Day on Saturday, October 3, from 9 AM. to 12 noon at the Department of Public Works, located at 55 River Street. Please visit the Board of Health website (www.dedham-ma.gov) and Facebook Page for specific

information on what will and will not be accepted. Walk-ins will not be permitted, and waste will only be accepted from persons in a vehicle.

Resources

Residents are encouraged to visit the website, dedhamcovid19.com, for all town updates as the COVID-19 situation develops. Visitors can subscribe via email to receive notifications for new posts. Although Town Hall remains closed to the public, the Health Department is staffed and available to address all questions and concerns. Residents and businesses are encouraged to contact the office at 781-751-9220 with any questions or concerns. The Board wishes to remind the public to properly dispose of gloves and masks at all public locations.

Madam Chair made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

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 September 30, 2020 which minutes were approved on August 19, 2021.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman