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## TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

### Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020

#### **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 Health Director  
Kristina King, DOSA Program Coordinator

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.  
September 23, 2020

#### **COVID-19 General Updates**

The Board met on this date and Interim Health Director Bridget Sweet provided the Board with an update regarding regulations for liquor licensed establishments as it relates to outdoor dining permitted due to COVID-19. COVID-19 trends in youth sports were also discussed.

The Board continues to work with the Park and Recreation Department, the School Committee and Superintendent to develop protocol relating to school programming and the re-entry of students and staff into the school buildings.

#### **DOSA: Dedham's 2020 Photo Voice Program**

The Board welcomed Kristina King from DOSA and Zendili DePina from the Needham Public Health Division who presented on Dedham's 2020 Photo Voice program.

#### **Face Coverings**

Failure to comply with the face coverings order is a newly fineable offense. The Governor's previous order deferred to a statewide mandate requiring face coverings in public places where individuals are unable to stay six feet away from others. The new order requires individuals wear face coverings in gatherings of more than 10 people from more than a single household, all individuals over the age of 2,

unless they have a medical condition or disability that prevents them from doing so. The order further states that this applies to private homes and backyards in addition to gatherings in public.

### **Confirmed Cases**

There are 435 confirmed cases in Dedham as of August 19, 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.

Residents are encouraged to visit the website, [dedhamcovid19.com](http://dedhamcovid19.com), for all town updates as the COVID-19 situation develops. Visitors can subscribe via email to receive notifications for new posts.

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 August 18, 2020, which minutes were approved on September 28, 2021.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman