

BOARD OF HEALTH
On-line Zoom Teleconference Meeting
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Meeting ID: 873 9506 5000 Passcode: 3AqDSYG8
DRAFT August 26, 2021 Minutes DRAFT

BOH Members Present: Joanne Levin; Suzanne Smith; Cynthia Suopis; and Laurent Levy

BOH Members Absent: None

Staff: Merridith O’Leary, Director and Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk Kate Kelly and Vivian Franklin, Public Health Nurses; Amy Hutchins, Assistance Health Director

Public Comment Session: Dr. Levin announced that public comments would be limited to two minutes per person. The comments focused on the issue of the indoor mask mandate, masking for sports and worn in common areas.

Motion: Motion made to open the Board of Health Meeting by Laurent Levy, seconded by Cynthia Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

I. **Meeting opened August 26, 2021** at 5:44 pm by Joanne Levin. Dr. Levin announced the meeting is being recorded.

II. Discussion:

Vivian Franklin, RN – Vivian Franklin reviewed recent COVID-related data, including community transmission rates, local vaccination statistics, breakthrough cases, and information related to the Delta variant in Hampshire County. At the last Board of Health meeting held on August 9, 2021, Ms. Franklin had recorded 17 cases in the prior 14 days for Northampton; she reported the current recording to be 50 cases in the last 14 days. That brings the incidence rate for Northampton up to 12.22 cases per day per hundred thousand people, and Hampshire County has now moved into substantial transmission category for the county.

Dr. Levin indicated that Director O’Leary had sent out a draft of potential recommendations for changes to the mask order that the Board had issued at the August 9 meeting. Dr. Levin stated that she would like to start with the most important parts of the document and then go back to the other sections.

Motion to approve Section 3, Number 1 as written with the broader Specified Indoor Spaces definition by Suzanne Smith, seconded by Cynthia Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

Motion to approve Section 3, Number 2 as written ‘Food service establishment employees must wear face coverings when serving customers, both indoors and outdoors.’ made by Laurent Levy, seconded by Cynthia Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

Motion to approve Section 3, Number 3 with eliminating ‘crowded’, made by Suzanne Smith, seconded by Cynthia Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

Motion to amend Section 3, Number 3 to include where physical distance of six feet cannot be maintained, made by Laurent Levy, seconded by Suzanne Smith. All in favor (4-0).

Motion to merge Section 3, Number 4 and 5 to read “mask must be worn in the dugouts, benches, and other common seating areas for outdoor moderate- and high-risk contact team sports including, but

not limited to”, list of various sports, made by Laurent Levy, seconded by Suzanne Smith. All in favor (4-0).

Motion to approve Section 3, Number 5 to include addition of section H. “Masks with exhale valves are not permitted”, made by Suzanne Smith, seconded by Cynthia Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

Motion to approve Section 4, Number 1 lowering the age to 2; Section 4, Number 2 include six feet of social distancing; Section 4, Number 3 add outdoors; and Section 4, Number 4 as written, made by Laurent Levy, seconded by Cynthia Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

Cynthia Suopis left the meeting at 7:01 pm and a quorum was still present

Motion to adopt regulations as amended made by Suzanne Smith, seconded by Laurent Levy. All in favor (3-0).

III. Review Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2021

Motion: Approved as amended: Motion made by Suzanne Smith to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Laurent Levy. All were in favor (3-0).

B. Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2021

Motion: Approved as amended: Motion made by Suzanne Smith to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Laurent Levy. All were in favor (3-0).

Meeting Closed: Motion to Close Meeting: Motion made to close the Board of Health meeting by Suzanne Smith, seconded by Laurent Levy, all in favor (3-0)

Meeting closed at 7:29 PM.

The next scheduled Board of Health Meeting: September 9, 2021
Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk

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Meeting Document List

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting.

These documents are available for review at the:

Northampton Health Department, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

- Meeting Agenda
- June 17, 2021 Minutes
- August 9, 2021 Minutes
- Draft: COVID-19 MANDATORY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR WEARING OF MASKS OR OTHER FACE COVERINGS IN THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON