



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
November 19, 2020
Open Conference / Virtual Meeting

Present:

Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member

Absent:

None

Guests: One (1) Caller

Meeting Called to Order:

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Approval of October 15, and November 2, 2020 Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the October 15 and November 2 minutes were approved. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. A vote was taken to approve the minutes. All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Covid19 Updates:

The Director, Mr. Kress, went over the City of Somerville's website where residents can find information and resources on Covid19 and it is available in different languages. There is information on "what is covid", its symptoms where to get tested, guidelines on isolation and quarantine and what the difference between the two; contact tracing and how it works. Somerville continues its mobile testing throughout the city. Surrounding towns like Everett and Chelsea are also offering testing. As of 11/19; 1845 total confirmed positive cases and 47 confirmed fatalities. Mr. Kress also provided charts/slides on the city's increases in cases. The slides showed average daily incidents etc.; where the cases are by zip code within the city. The city has added heat maps to locate where covid cases are located. The 2nd surge of the pandemic has begun. Kristen Sterllis from Somerstat and her staff are doing the slides and what a great job they are doing. To locate the above information please log onto your computer and go to the city's website at www.somervillema.gov and on the top click on the Covid19 tab, this is where you will find a wealth of information. As of yesterday 11/18/20, DPH updated their quarantined guidelines going from 14 days to at least 10 days with not having any signs or systems and if tested on the 8th or later pcr test and receive a negative continue to monitor yourself.

Opening of Schools Update – as of Monday 11/16/20 the city and school district made a decision to delay the opening of all their schools until the air filtrations are all installed and working properly. The school district will have to submit plans to the Board of Health about their Covid19 policies and procedures regarding testing.



Directors Updates:

Vaccines procedures can be found on the city's website by going to www.somervillema.gov. Flu vaccines will also be available at the schools given by the school nurses and a community vaccine will be done at Trum field for walk-ins, bicyclists and drive through for automobiles. The city is hoping everyone can be vaccinated by December 1, 2020.

Next meeting – Virtual

December 17, 2020 @ 6pm

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents:

Notice/Agenda, October 15 and Nov 2 2020 Minutes, Covid19 Data Slides/City Website

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle-Teixeira
Board of Health Secretary
December 11, 2020