



City of Nashua

Division of Public Health & Community Services
142 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 22 2020

9:00 AM

Minutes

Attendees:

Board of Health: Dr. Anthony Storace, Dr. Stephanie Wolf-Rosenblum, Dr. Charles Cappetta

Board of Aldermen: Elizabeth Lu,

City Employees: Patricia Glastetter, Michael Carignan, Sandra DeLosa Angela Consentino, Nicole Viau, Ren Beaudoin, Flavia Martin, Heidi Peek, Bob Mack, Kim Bernard, Jane Goodman, Angela Consentino, Michael Apollo, Russel Collin, Patty Crooker, Foqia Ijaz and Bobbie D. Bagley.

Guests: Lisa Gingras, A Nashua resident

Call to Order: By Board Chair – Dr. Storace

In continued compliance with the Governor’s Safe at Home Order, announcement made of the meeting held via Zoom. Phone numbers provided to call and for support. Meeting ID and number shared with attendees. Zoom meeting recorded.

Roll call made by Director- Bobbie D Bagley

Review of Agenda:

- Halloween safety
- New regulation on restaurants opening

Halloween safety:

- Dr. Rosenblum pointed out that there is a lack of the definition of face coverings. One establishment advertised that they will accept face shields. There should be a clear communication that gators, bandanas, face shields or N95 masks are not acceptable. CD guidelines say-no masks under face shields.
- We need to be aware of people’s movements as they go for trick or treating in different neighborhoods and not in their areas. There should be guidelines for people to follow social distancing and reduce gatherings.
- High risk individuals should not participate in the activities.

- There is a new statement issued by CDC which says that the exposure to the virus doesn't have to be for a continuous period of 15 minutes. It can be 15 minutes over a period of 24 hours. .
- There is no guidance around masking for children of 2-10 years of age.
- Jane shared the infographic with guidelines that will be sent out for Halloween.
- Dr. Rosenblum suggested adding the new guideline by CDC on cumulative exposure to be added in the infographic. Suggestion to make a consistent messaging for all holidays including Christmas and New Year.

Motion to have Halloween with guidelines in place made by Dr. Storace. Second by Dr. Cappetta. All in favor.

Restaurants Opening:

- Restaurants are open at 100% capacity from October 1st and are allowed to resume entertainment from October 8th.
- State recommends putting nonabsorbent and cleanable barriers between booths but we have seen wicker barriers.
- It was mentioned that virus can stay in a closed area for up to three hours. The situation has become risky as the virus is airborne and people take off masks while eating. It is recommended to put HEPA filters, air purifiers or install some kind of a system to circulate air. All air purifiers in the market are not as good as HEPA filters. It was discussed if air filtration in restaurants can help reduce the risk of spread of virus or not. Concern was raised that the State has allowed use of outdoor tents with heating in them for the upcoming winter months. We should seriously reconsider restaurants operating at 100% capacity and allowing entertainment as it can create a public health crisis.

Q: Does City of Nashua have the authority to regulate restaurants? It is legal to contravene State?

A: An attorney can answer this question.

- Mayor's office to get back to BOH with a memo from legal office regarding restaurants working at 100% capacity.
- Proposal to work on a guidance document separately and then reconvene to discuss it.
- November 11th is Veterans Day so November meeting to be rescheduled to November 4th.
- Revisit winter sports at the next meeting.

A special BOH meeting was scheduled for October 28th, 2020 from 9:00-10:30. Tim Cummings the Director of Economic Development will be invited to the next meeting.

Public Comment: Hearing none – Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Storage- 2nd by Dr. Wolf-Rosenblum.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2020

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