

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting ID: 824 8489 9608 Passcode: 966022

February 3, 2022 Minutes

BOH Members Present: Dr. Joanne Levin; Dr. Suzanne Smith; Dr. Cynthia Suopis; and Dr. Laurent Levy
Staff: Merridith O’Leary, Director; Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk; Amy Hutchins, Assistant Director; and Vivian Franklin, RN

Public Comment Session: Dr. Levin announced that public comments would be limited to two minutes per person and the meeting was being recorded. Several members of the public spoke.

I. Meeting opened February 3, 2022 at 5:35 pm by Joanne Levin.

Motion: Motion made to open the meeting by Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

II. Data Updates:

- a. Vivian Franklin, RN reviewed local COVID data.
- b. Dr. Levin reviewed national COVID data including new information on vaccine effectiveness during Omicron.

III. Discussion:

- **Mask Mandate** – The Board discussed possible metrics to use for lifting the order. The mask mandate will remain in effect for now and be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Senior Center** – The Center is currently closed and will reopen in the near future. COVID PCR testing open to the public takes place two days a week at the Center.
- **Best Practices for Concert Venues and Best Practices for Business**– Dr. Levin presented draft documents and the Board decided to combine the two drafts into one document, focusing on concert venues and food establishments. With input from Amy Cahillane who represents many downtown businesses, it was decided that the best use of this document now will be to educate and engage the downtown food establishments and to partner with those establishments. It will be sent to concert venues and food establishments with a cover letter explaining that a survey and/or focus groups and/or a public forum will be coming in the near future.

IV. Review Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2022.

Motion: Approved as amended: Motion to accept the minutes as amended made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

B. Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2022.

Motion: Approved as amended: Motion to accept the minutes as amended made by Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Suopis. All in favor (4-0).

Meeting Closed: Motion to Close Meeting: Motion to close the Board of Health meeting made by Dr. Suopis, seconded by Dr. Smith. All in favor (4-0).

Meeting closed at 8:05 PM.

The next scheduled Board of Health Meeting: February 17, 2022.

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
- January 13, 2022 Minutes
- January 20, 2022 Minutes
- Draft Best Practices for Concert Venues
- Draft Best Practice for Businesses