

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, March 26, 2020

Present: Chm. Helaine Hazlett, Todd Belfbecker; Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: State Representative Lori Ehrlich

Web-based video conferencing meeting of Board of Health via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM.

Andrew stated that the Marblehead Health Department continues to actively monitor and address the spread of COVID-19 as it relates to the health and wellbeing of our community.

Social Distancing has gone into effect immediately. This means to keep space between yourself and other people outside of your home. Stay at least 6 feet apart from other people. Also, do not gather in groups and stay out of crowded places and avoid large gatherings. Schools are closed and there should be no playdates, parties and sleepovers. Reduce the frequency of going into stores. If you are sick please stay home. The MADPH has a number for people to call. The number is 211 for up to date information on COVID-19. Together we can “flatten the curve”.

On March 23, the governor issued an order that all non-essential businesses are to be closed and no gatherings of greater than 10 people. It also states that cities and towns cannot supersede the order.

State Representative Ehrlich stated that there is an online portal where individuals and companies can easily donate or sell personal protective equipment (PPE) and volunteer to support the COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts. Also, the Department of Public Health has posted a new list of COVID-19 testing sites for individuals who have a clinician’s referral. If someone thinks they have symptoms of COVID-19, they should first call their health care provider and not go to the emergency room first. If that clinician thinks a test is appropriate but are unable to offer one at their own health care facility, they can provide a referral that the individual can use to schedule a test at a site nearest to them. A referral and appointment are necessary. Governor Baker’s request for a Major Disaster Declaration was approved Saturday and will make federal disaster assistance available beyond what was included in the Emergency Declaration declared by President Trump on March 13, 2020.

MOTION to close meeting. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk