

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, August 11, 2020

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Andrew read aloud the Governor's COVID-19 order #46 "Third Revised Order Regulating Gatherings Throughout the Commonwealth". The document, available on mass.gov first, summarizes the general recommendations of the CDC especially for large gatherings and community events, and then the initial and subsequent restrictions, and then easing of non-essential person-to-person contact. The order continues with recent public health data showing "an uptick" in cases necessitating a return to reduced size allowances of outdoor gatherings. Six sections are then outlined in the order: 1) entities subjected to sector specific rules (e.g. certain brick and mortar premises); 2) gatherings for political expression and religious activities (outdoor activities are not limited by section 3 but indoor ones are); 3) otherwise applicable indoor and outdoor gathering limits (indoor 8/1000 sq. feet but ≤ 25 ; outdoor 25% of maximum permitted or 8/1000 sq. ft., or ≤ 50); 4) face coverings (any gathering > 10 all must wear face covering indoors or outdoors, with exceptions for age or medical conditions); 5) legal exceptions (many are enumerated); 6) enforcement (local boards of health and agents as well as state and local police are authorized to enforce the order. Violations may result in fines up to \$500 per violation; in addition alcohol can only be sold or served at establishments when it is accompanied by food prepared on site.)

Andrew stated that there are 255 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Marblehead and no recent deaths. There are less than five active cases currently. The state has a color coded cases density system: Red = $> 8/100,000$ average daily count; Yellow = $4-8/100,000$; Green = $< 4/100,000$; White = < 5 cases. Marblehead is currently in the Yellow area.

On August 6th Bobbie Cody, health inspector and a police officer conducted an inspection at the Rip Tide and The Barnacle. An anonymous complaint about these establishments was made to the attorney general's office and then emailed to health department to investigate. The establishments were both in compliance.

Helaine suggested that lawn signs be made with COVID-19 messages on it.

Helaine gave an update on the reopening committee for schools. Teachers will be returning on August 31st. Remote teaching begins on September 14th and hybrid teaching begins October 5th. Many parents and teachers are concerned about students returning to school. A mask break and snack time will take place for the younger students. There are two individualized plans for returning to school. The first plan (A) students will attend school Monday and Thursday while the second plan (B) students will attend school Tuesday and Friday. Open houses for parents, new students will take place in schools for tours and to meet the teachers.

Beach testing has been going well with no beach closures to date

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Andrea Flaxer

Senior Clerk

