



Town of Franklin

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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The Board of Health will be conducting the Board of Health meeting at 355 East Central St, Training room, 3rd floor at 5:00pm. The Public has the option of attending the meeting live at the Town Hall or dial into the meeting using the provided phone number (Cell phone or Landline Required) OR citizens can participate by copying the link (Phone, Computer, or Tablet required).

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March 1, 2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Reading and acceptance of February 1, 2023 meeting minutes

OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss tobacco 2023 sales regulation restricting the sale of tobacco and vape products

NEW BUSINESS

- Metacomet shared service grant regional inspector report
- Metacomet shared service grant public health nurse report
- Metacomet shared service grant epidemiologist report
- Current tobacco regulation enforcement discussion

CITIZENS COMMENTARY

ADJOURNMENT

BOH MEETING MINUTES

2/1/2023

Attending

Bridget Sweet, Chair

Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair

Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member

In attendance: Bridget Sweet, Chair; Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair; Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member; Cathleen Liberty, Director; Ginny McNeil, Health Agent; Alicia Sullivan, Public Health Nurse; Cassia Montiero, Metacomet Shared Service Grant Epidemiologist; John Robertson, Shared Service Grant Regional Inspector; Steve Sherlock recording and Alan Earls, Franklin Observer

Meeting called to order 4:46 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Reading and acceptance of January 4, 2023 minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sign Bodyworks Regulation

NEW BUSINESS

Tobacco Permit holder violations

Director Liberty noted that a tobacco inspection was conducted and many tobacco permit holder establishments had violations. Because of this, Director Liberty would like to update the tobacco regulations to reflect the states' tobacco regulations.

Tobacco 2023 Sales Regulation restricting the sale of tobacco and vape products

Director Liberty gave the board the draft regulations to review for the March meeting.

Rescind Chapter 261 Tobacco products

Director Liberty noted that the Town Clerk has begun the process of rescinding the regulations.

Local Upgrade for 30 Uncas Row

Director Liberty gave the board the reason for the local upgrade and noted the Title 5 Contractor supports the upgrade. Vice Chair, Tim Cochrane motioned to accept the local upgrade, member Jeff Harris accepted and Chair, Bridget Sweet 2nd the motion. Roll call vote to accept the local upgrade.

Public Health Nurse Update

Public Health Nurse Alicia Sullivan updated the board with a public health report for the month of January, 2023.

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Epidemiologist Update

Cassia Monteiro, Epidemiologist, updated the board with an epidemiologist report for the month of January, 2023.

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Inspector Update

John Robertson, Regional Inspector, updated the board with a regional inspector report for the month of January 2023.

5) CITIZENS COMMENTARY

Alan Earls ask the Epidemiologist where the data for the Health Outcomes website come from. Cassia noted that it came from the CDC and the Census.

Chair Sweet also noted that the public health emergency is officially over May 11, 2023. Also noted was the Boars Head prepackaged charcuterie board meat recall.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Member, Jeff Harris motions to adjourn, seconded by Chair, Bridget Sweet. Roll call vote to adjourn at 5:31 pm by Chair, Bridget Sweet.

2023 Sales Regulation

SAMPLE REGULATION RESTRICTING THE SALE OF TOBACCO AND VAPE PRODUCTS

THIS MODEL REGULATION INCORPORATES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The minimum standards required pursuant to the United States Food and Drug Administration relative to the sale and distribution of cigarettes; and
2. The minimum standards required pursuant to Massachusetts state law and regulation. This includes G.L. c. 270 regarding sales to those under 21, tobacco and vaping product sales including flavored products, required signage, matching definitions and other relevant state statutes and regulations.

CHECKLIST FOR POLICY DECISIONS (circle decisions):

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|---|-------|-----|
| 1. No permit renewal if outstanding fines exist (§E.6) | YES | NO |
| 2. No permit renewal if three sales to persons under 21 (§E.7) | YES | NO |
| 3. Cap and/or reduce number of permits (§E.8) | YES | NO |
| Simple Cap () Reducing Cap () Dual Cap () | | |
| 4. No new permits within 500 feet of a school (§E.11.a) | YES | NO |
| 5. No new permits within (----) feet of an existing permittee (§E.11.b) | YES | NO |
| 500 () 1,000 () 2,000 () | | |
| 6. Ban Smoking Bars (§F) | YES | NO |
| 7. Include minimum cigar package size/price (§G) | YES | NO |
| 8. Ban blunt wraps (§J) | YES | NO |
| 9. Ban free distribution of tobacco products (§K.1) | YES | NO |
| 10. Ban redemption of coupons (§K.2) | YES | NO |
| 11. Ban Self-Service Displays (§M) | YES | NO |
| Exception for Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Stores () | | |
| 12. Ban tobacco product sales in educational institutions (§Q) | YES | NO |
| 13. Fining Structure System (§S) | YES | NO |
| Separate State and Local () Unified Fining Structure () | | |
| 14. Tolling periods for local violations (§S) | YES | NO |
| State level at 36 months () Over 36 months () | | |
| 15. Suspension Periods (§S) | YES | NO |
| 16. Choose Suspension Periods (§S) | | |
| First Violation: 1 to 7 days (mandatory for first underage sale) | () | |
| Second Violation: up to 7 days | () | |
| Third or More Violations: up to 30 days | () | |
| 17. "Shall" vs. "May" language for suspensions (§S) | SHALL | MAY |

YELLOW highlighted sections are language copied from the latest state law and DPH regulations.

GREEN highlighted sections are uniquely local policy decisions (most are on the above checklist) to be made by the Board of Health.

NO COLOR indicates that language has been previously adopted by Boards of Health.

Franklin Board of Health
Monthly Report

Name: John Robertson

Date submitted: February 27, 2023

Report includes work performed between the dates of February 1, 2023 through February 27, 2023.

<u>Inspection category / work performed</u>	<u>Inspections performed</u>	
1. HOUSING		
Housing code inspections	0	
Housing re-inspections	1	
Lead paint inspections	0	
Housing Code court cases	0	
2. NUISANCE INSPECTIONS		
Nuisance complaint inspections	0	
Nuisance re-inspections	0	
Nuisance court cases	0	
3. FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION		
Bi-annual inspections (2/year)	11	
Food establishment re-inspections	14	
Food complaint inspections	1	
Food complaint re-inspections	0	
Food borne illness inspections	0	
Food pre-opening inspections	0	
Temporary Events.....	0	
4. SPECIAL INSPECTIONS		
Rooming houses, hotels, motels	0	
Public and semi-public pools and spas	0	
Camps	0	
Miscellaneous inspections, meetings, etc. ...(Voucher, task Force).....	0	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTONS.....</div>		27

5. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS and TRAINING COURSES: 5

Housing Code Update Training	2/7
Gathered and Shared Food Establishment Resources	
LBOH Webinar	2/14
APHC Meeting - Temporary Event Resources	2/16
Fee Schedule Review - Shared with APHC	

Submitted by: _____
John Robertson
Regional Health Agent

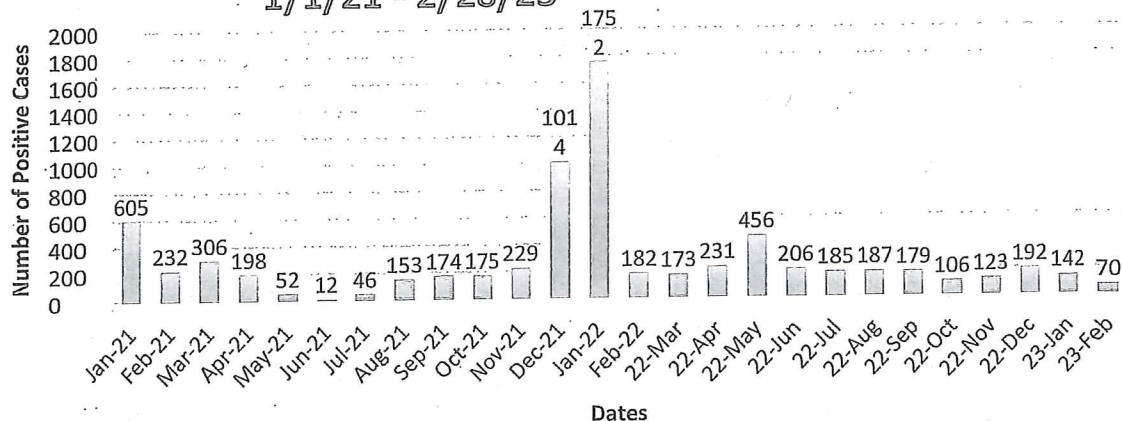
Public Health Nurse Agenda

❖ Communicable Diseases:

▪ COVID-19 cases (data from 2/28/23, data is subject to change):

-Total cases thus far for February, 2023: 70 (versus 142 in January, 2023).

Franklin _ COVID-19 Cases Per Month 1/1/21 - 2/28/23

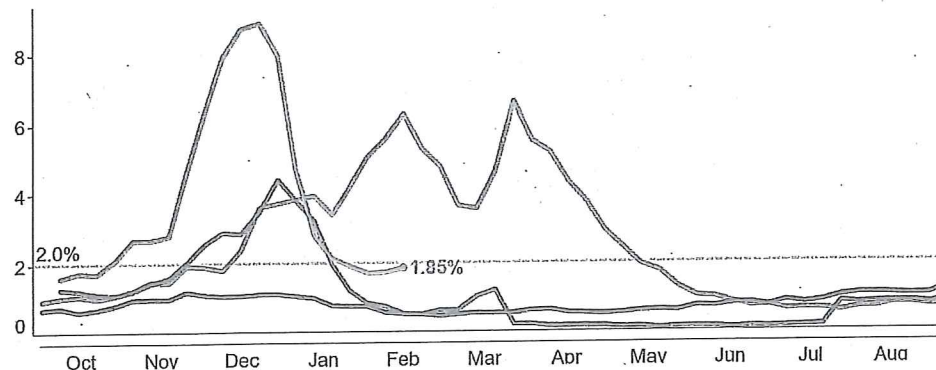


-COVID-19 clusters and other communicable disease case investigations (Norovirus).
 -COVID-19 iHealth rapid test kits available for Franklin residents, expiration date 8/19/23.

▪ Influenza

-Influenza severity for Massachusetts is low this week.
 -The percent of influenza-like illness (ILI) visits in Massachusetts is 1.85%, which is lower than the regional baseline of 2.0%.

Percent of visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) reported by sentinel provider sites in Massachusetts



-The percent of hospitalizations associated with influenza is 0.25%, which is slightly higher than two of the previous three seasons in the same week.
 -More influenza A than influenza B positive specimens have been reported by hospitals and outpatient facilities in Massachusetts.
 -The vaccination rate for all ages is 45%.
 -Seasonal influenza activity is low nationally.

❖ Central Park Terrace

-Blood pressure clinic on 2/22/23.
 -Mobile food pantry continues to occur monthly (none in February), next will occur on 3/22/23.

Public Health Nurse Agenda

❖ **Meetings/Trainings:**

- Bi-weekly Local Board of Health Webinars.
- Tuberculosis training presented by MAPHN (TB across the Spectrum and Partnerships in Care).
- SWAC (student health & wellness advisory council) meeting at FHS on 2/7/23.
- Stop the Bleed Training for Tri-County students in the medical assisting program on 2/14/23.
- Hands-Only CPR for Senior Center participants performed at Franklin Fire on 2/28/23.

❖ **Weekly home visits**

- Medication management.
- Blood pressure and glucose monitoring.

Public Health Agenda 03.01.23

Epidemiologist

Franklin/Norfolk/Wrentham Dashboard

- In the month of February there were 70 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases. 82% of Franklin residents are fully vaccinated, 56% have their first booster, and 27% have had their second booster shot. There were 0 COVID-19 related deaths in the month of February. Confirmed cases have decreased 46% from January to February.

COVID-19 Self-Test Kits

- The Health Department received more test kits from the state. Residents can call my number and schedule for car side pick up at the Franklin Senior Center during town hall hours.

Stop the Bleed Training

- Presented at Tri-County on how to manage life threatening bleeding with hands on practice of pressure, packing, and tourniquet use.

Regroup Text

- Weekly wellness updates went out through regroup texts and emails to raise awareness. This month notifications went out about heart health, children's dental health, and cancer prevention.

Surveillance & Case Management

- Calling and investigating communicable disease cases, answering questions, giving guidance, doing case investigations, and reporting data into MAVEN.

Central Park Terrace

- Bingo at Central Park Terrace on 03/08.

Metacomet Health Outcomes Dashboard Interview

- Interview with Wrentham's Special Projects Coordinator about the Metacomet Health Outcomes Dashboard for their newsletter.

CPR Training

- Assisted in hands-only CPR Training for the community at the Franklin Fire Department on 03/28.

Meetings/Certifications

- Biweekly MDPH Webinars Weekly & Regional Epidemiology Zoom Meeting

Health Fair

- The Franklin Spring Health fair will be on May 24th, 2023 at the Franklin Public Library from 3-6pm. I have been in the process of setting it up and getting vendors. So far we have 11 vendors, a face painting station, and a petting zoo.