

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, October 8, 2020

The Philadelphia Board of Health held a special public meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020. The meeting was held virtually using the GoToWebinar platform in light of restrictions related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, allowing access to the public via computer or other device and via a toll-free phone number.

Board Members Present

Dr. Tyra Bryant-Stephens, Dr. Ana Diez-Roux, Dr. Thomas Farley, Dr. Marla Gold, Dr. Jennifer Ibrahim, Dr. Amid Ismail, Dr. Scott McNeal, Dr. John Rich

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Health Commissioner and Board President Thomas Farley, MD, MPH called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from September 10, 2020.

**THIRTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY REGULATION
GOVERNING THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19
(OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES)**

Joshua Roper, from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, presented a supplemental regulation adopting a City Order about outdoor gatherings and small events. This Order allowed outdoor gatherings and small events with up to 150 people in attendance. It provides a list of outdoor sports and why some may be permitted or not permitted, including differing levels of contact. It allows that higher-contact sports may conduct practice provided it is only individual skill-building and not intrateam competition. Professional and college teams are exempted from this ban provided they submit and gain approval by the Health Department for plans. This order also does not change any of the rules for indoor sports.

Dr. Ibrahim moved; Dr. McNeal seconded.

Motion for approval of regulation approved unanimously.

**FOURTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY REGULATION
GOVERNING THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19
(LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES)**

The second regulation rescinds a previous order and regulation regarding long-term care facilities. The previous order and regulation authorized long-term care facilities to put in place restrictions to prevent nursing home residents from leaving the facility, coming into contact with someone with the virus, then coming back and introducing the virus into the facility. Since that time, disease activity in nursing homes has dropped and in concert with new Commonwealth restrictions, this order was no longer necessary.

Dr. McNeal moved; Dr. Ismail seconded.

Motion for approval of regulation approved unanimously.

**FIFTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY REGULATION GOVERNING
THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19 (INDOOR DINING
ACTIVITIES)**

This regulation pertains to indoor dining activities and adopts an order from October 1 that amends a previous order which allowed indoor dining to commence subject to a 25% capacity requirement. The October 1 adds language that restaurants that are self-certified by the Commonwealth can operate with a 50% capacity cap. Dr. Farley noted that outreach and education to restaurants continues and the Health Department feels that compliance is good.

Dr. Ismail moved; Dr. Ibrahim seconded.

Motion for approval of regulation approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Farley adjourned the meeting at 6:21 PM.