

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

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

The Philadelphia Board of Health held a special public meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. 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. Scott McNeal, Dr. John Rich

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Health Commissioner and Board President Thomas Farley, MD, MPH called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from March 10, 2021.

OVERVIEW

Dr. Farley presented a very short update on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has gotten worse, while the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out has continued.

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED AND RESTATED
SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY REGULATION GOVERNING THE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION OF COVID-19 (SPRING SAFER AT HOME ORDER)**

Jo Rosenberger-Altman of the City's Law Department first described the regulation before the Board of Health. The Board will be adopting the Mayor and Health Commissioner's March 31st Order Amendment. This regulation will be effective through April 30, 2021.

Order

Ms. Rosenberger-Altman then reviewed the Spring Safer at Home Order. This Order expands specific circumstances where food or drink may be consumed in indoor settings, particularly for business meetings, where certain conditions can be met.

These specific conditions include that all participants must be pre-registered and a detailed log with contact information must be maintained by the business entity. There can be no music, live or pre-recorded, no dancing, or no live performances. Any person addressing the gathering

must be masked whenever feasible and maintain a distance of at least twenty feet when not masked. If food or drink is served, participants must remain in their seats while eating or drinking and must be masked while not eating or drinking. Such food or drink must be individually portioned and may only be served when participants are seated. Alcohol is not to be served or consumed. Tables are limited to a single household, and given that this is primarily for business meetings, this means one person per table. Furthermore, all tables have to be at least six feet apart from all other tables.

For outdoor gatherings where food is served, the number of people allowed has increased from 100 to 250.

For collegiate and professional sports, the Health Department has allowed increased density and requiring a health and safety plan in all cases, even if they don't serve food or drink. The upper limit for maximum occupancy has also increased to 20% indoors and 25% outdoors.

Joshua Roper noted that there was a comment in the chat. The Board reviewed the comment and had no response or question as a result of it.

Dr. Bryant-Stephens moved; Dr. Ibrahim seconded.

Motion for approval of regulation approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Farley adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.