

HEALTH BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 29DECEMBER2020

Present (members and City staff): Kathie Lynch, Ann Birner, Bianca Monteiro, James Petersen, Stephanie Seacord, Toni McLellan.

Member of the public: Rich DiPentima

Action items below follow name of responsible party (name in bold font).

Ann read the approved waiver for remote meeting participation during the pandemic.

All agreed that voting membership will remain as per the Health Subcommittee of the CRTF, with appointment of one additional member by Mayor Becksted anticipated. Current voting members are Kathie, Ann, Bianca, James, and Kim for the Health Department.

Dashboard was reviewed. There is a new section on vaccines/vaccinations in the upper right. **Ann** will deliver the Health report including the dashboard to Reopen Committee, with the usual caveats regarding continued vigilance despite recent downward case trends. Specifically, holiday travel and (although not yet documented) the likely presence of a more highly contagious variant in the USA may contribute to a rise in cases in the near future. It is expected that the vaccines in current use will be effective against this variant.

The version of the Vaccine FAQ circulated the evening of 12/28 will be considered final with one change: addition of the State of NH email address for vaccination program questions (phone number to follow when available). **Toni** will provide this to Kathie and Stephanie; **Stephanie** will finalize and post the FAQ. She will also include a reminder of the importance of flu vaccines in her regular City advisory.