



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Committee of the Whole

Monday - April 13, 2020, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the City Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety will be conducted via remote participation.

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- 1. Approval of the March 30, 2020 Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the April 6, 2020 Minutes**
- 3. 209798: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin) – That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council with an update on measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus and to support anyone who may become infected.
- 4. 209999: Discuss** (Mbah, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with an update on their plans to keep first responders safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 5. 210000: Discuss** (Mbah) – That Director of Health and Human services provide this Council

with evidence-based research on handling postal mail without protective equipment with respect to the spread of the coronavirus.

6. **210001: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Administration take measures to ensure that first responders and essential personnel are prioritized for COVID-19 testing for personal and public safety purposes.
7. **210032: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin) – That the Chief of Police discuss what may be done to curb domestic and partner violence especially during the COVID-19 crisis, as victims are quarantined with their abusers.
8. **210033: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Health and Human Services explain the current protocol for notifying residents of positive COVID-19 tests and contacts and how services may be offered that allow them to receive treatment, maintain household stability, and isolate themselves as needed.
9. **210034: Discuss** (Hirsch, Scott) – That the Board of Assessors extend the deadline for applications for Residential and/or Statutory Exemptions beyond the current April 1 deadline.