

**BOARD OF HEALTH OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. virtually via video conference.

**Welcome**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County and Executive Officer of the Board of Health, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Brookmyer turned the “chair” of the meeting to Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer.

**Quorum**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer recognized those present: Council Members Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay, and Jan Gardner, County Executive.

**Covid-19 Update**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County provided an update on COVID-19 for Frederick County, Maryland.

**Presentation of Requested Regulation**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County presented the Requested Regulation to the Board of Health Members.

Council President Keegan-Ayer shared that Rick Weldon, the President and CEO of Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, submitted a letter of support to the Board of Health in favor of the changes in regulation BOH 01-2021.

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- Chris Colville, CEO/President of YMCA of Frederick County

**Board Discussion and Vote**

After discussion and debate the Board approved 7-1 BOH Regulation 01-2021 that did the following:

- removes restrictions on social gatherings involving 25 or more persons
- adds a requirement for certain public gatherings of 100 or more persons to provide to the Health Department information about the gathering
- no longer places occupancy limits on fitness centers or wedding venues

*Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the Requested Regulation as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-1.*

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Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald		X	
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
County Executive – Gardner	X		

**Upcoming Meetings**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer resumed the role of chair. May 2021.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Barbara Brookmyer Original on file.  
Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer  
Board of Health



**Public Health**  
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Frederick County Health Department

TO: Frederick County Board of Health  
FROM: Barbara Brookmyer, MD, MPH, Frederick County Health Officer  
RE: Board of Health Regulations  
DATE: March 23, 2021

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**ISSUE:**

Should the Board of Health (BOH) consider adopting the Proposed BOH Regulation 01-2021 to align with recent Executive Orders from Governor Hogan and requiring a point of contact for certain public gatherings of 100 or more persons?

**BACKGROUND:**

The new proposed regulation removes restrictions on social gatherings involving 25 or more persons. The proposed regulation adds a requirement for certain public gatherings of 100 or more persons to provide to the Health Department information about the gathering, including a responsible person to ensure compliance with applicable COVID mitigation techniques.

The proposed regulation no longer places occupancy limits on fitness centers or wedding venues, however, these locations will still need to comply with the Governor's most recent Executive Order and applicable health directives.

The following outlines the difference between the current and proposed regulations:

- **Recitals**
  - The recitals are unchanged except for the last sentence, which notes the adoption of this proposed resolution.
- **Section A- Face Coverings**
  - This section remains largely the same and mirrors the Governor's Executive Order regarding face coverings, but is updated to reference the most recent Executive Order 21-03-09-01.
- **Section B- Gatherings**
  - B (1) identifies the social gatherings applicable in this section (emphasis on public gatherings) and the number of persons this section is applicable to is increased to 100 or more. This section requires a designated responsible person to ensure compliance with face coverings, physical distancing, occupancy limits, and other infection transmission mitigation actions.
  - B (2) requires the organization holding a social gathering defined in (B)(1) to provide event information, including the date, name of responsible person, and contact information one week before the event is scheduled to occur.

- B (3) outlines which social gatherings this subsection does not apply to, including gatherings on personal private property which the public in general is not expected to attend.
- Prior B (3) and Prior B (4) have been deleted, but are still subject to any applicable State Executive Orders.
- **Section C- Incorporation of State Executive Orders and MDH Directives and Orders**
  - Section C has been updated to incorporate the newest version of the State Executive Order, as well as the MDH Directive and Order Regulating Certain Businesses and Facilities & General Directives Concerning Limiting the Spread of COVID-19, Number 2021-03-09-01.
- **Section D- Compliance with this Regulation**
  - Section D remains largely the same, but has been slightly reworded for clarity, and emphasis is placed on following the Maryland Department of Commerce's Back to Business Best Practices, which incorporates CDC recommendations.
- **Sections E- Enforcement, Section F- Applicability, and Section G- Severability** remain unchanged.
- **Section H- Effective Date**
  - This section has been updated to show the new effective date and time, as well as indicate that this proposed regulation will supersede Regulation BOH 02-2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Health should adopt the proposed regulation.



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