

**BOARD OF HEALTH OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 12, 2020**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. virtually via video conference.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized those present. Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay, Jan Gardner, County Executive, Rick Harcum, County Executive's Office, Bryon Black, County Attorney, Cate Keller, Assistant County Attorney and Tom Kleinhanzl, President & CEO, Frederick Health.

Summary of Board of Health Law

Bryon Black, County Attorney, presented a Summary on the Board of Health Law.

Covid-19 Update

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County and Tom Kleinhanzl, President & CEO, Frederick Health, provided an update on Covid-19 for Frederick County, Maryland.

Presentation of Requested Regulation

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

After discussion and debate the Board approved 7-1 BOH Regulation 01-2020 that did the following:

- Requiring face coverings for all persons age 5 years and older in:
 - All indoor public spaces (This includes tobacconist shops, cigar bars, vapor lounges, and hookah lounges.)
 - All public outdoor spaces where the person is unable to consistently maintain at least six feet of distance from individuals who are not members of their household
- Limiting indoor AND outdoor venues to 25 people or 25% of venue capacity, whichever is less
 - This applies to bars, nightclubs, breweries, distilleries, wine tasting rooms, and event venues, including but not limited to, civic service clubs, private clubs, indoor agro-tourism enterprise activities, fairgrounds, farm alcoholic

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beverage tasting rooms, farm brewery tasting rooms, rodeos, auction houses, AND social and private gatherings.

- This will apply to wedding venues on Nov. 30 at 9am.
- Religious facilities are limited to 50% capacity
- Fitness centers are limited to 25% capacity and shall require face coverings of all persons on the premises
- Enforcement of this regulation will include increasing fines starting at \$250

Indoor operations for restaurants and personal services remain at 50% capacity and retail establishments remained at 75% capacity as set by Governor Hogan’s Executive Order from Nov. 10, 2020.

These regulations were proposed because of the increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations that were occurring in record number in Frederick County. Cases for the week were expected to set an all-time high.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the Requested Regulation as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-1.

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

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

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