

## MEETING NOTES CRTF HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE 22SEPTEMBER2020

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Kim has expressed her concern regarding a plan to open potentially risky sporting activities. A lengthy discussion followed, around the City Council's charge to the Task Force and how to share the subcommittee's concerns regarding indoor activities while remaining within the scope as outlined in that charge. As previously discussed, we do not intend to directly advise the school district. Distributing information through the Task Force, however, is acceptable and perhaps even obligatory, falling under item 2 of the charge by educating the public regarding best practices. An informed public should indirectly help businesses to stay open. Consensus was that primary literature should be publicized as appropriate, in addition to resources such as the CDC and NH DHHS websites. It was noted that, unfortunately, the CDC has not been entirely reliable lately with two postings being quickly retracted recently. Discussion of what and how to share best practices with the public, particularly with respect to colder weather approaching and activities moving indoors, will continue next week.

The subcommittee was asked to consider whether plexiglass/plastic dividers between tables at restaurants might be utilized to enable table placement in closer proximity. Per Kim, at this time such barriers are not allowed, according to the State's Attorney General. She will continue to follow this topic.

### FAQs

The Ventilation FAQ is eagerly awaited, according to the Streets Subcommittee and the Chamber of Commerce. James walked us through recent changes. It was agreed to emphasize that suggestions regarding ventilation should be considered in the context of other safety measures, and that this and all FAQs should have a statement to that effect. All approaches to risk reduction should be layered with one another as much as possible. Members discussed whether it would be fair and politic to ask Task Force members to approve this document at tomorrow's meeting, even though only 24 hours will be given for their review. The subcommittee decided to ask for a vote given the fact that the document was previously circulated, the nature of the revisions which we consider to be minor and/or responsive to last week's discussion, and the demand for this particular FAQ document. Stephanie will circulate and Ann will follow with a message regarding our request for a decision with a 24-hour review (rather than 48 hours as per the general agreement) in this case.

Household Readiness (aka "Daily Life") FAQ came up during the Health Department agenda. We will review in greater detail next week, in the context of our discussions regarding the proper scope of our activities as above.

FAQ Update process – tabled to next week.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

Letters to Governor Sununu and surrounding towns regarding mask regulation are on hold per City Manager.

Weekly dashboard was reviewed. Across NH/ME/MA cases are up, but testing is also up and percent positivity are down. Last week's reported positivity for NH at 2.5% is not in agreement with the state data and has been discounted by the subcommittee, current status is cautiously described as stable. As usual we advise continued vigilance.

AOB - members were asked to contribute to a list of references on pandemic risk reduction suitable and worthwhile for sharing with the public. We will review at next week's meeting, along with the "Daily Life" FAQ.