



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Committee of the Whole

Monday - May 11, 2020, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

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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. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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1. **Approval of the April 13, 2020 Minutes**
2. **Approval of the April 21, 2020 Minutes**
3. **Approval of the April 27, 2020 Minutes**
4. **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.
5. **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.

6. **210047: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help communities of color during this COVID-19 pandemic.
7. **210048: Discuss** (Mbah, Ballantyne) – That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help the homeless, who are most at risk during this COVID-19 pandemic.
8. **210112: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Health and Human Services collaborate with the appropriate state agencies for the support, specialized services, medical supplies and personal protective equipment necessary for residents with complex medical needs to stay in their homes during this COVID-19 crisis.
9. **210115: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Administration's weekly update on COVID-19 include a dedicated update from the Police Department on the implementation of the mandatory mask policy, and what steps are being taken to ensure that enforcement is fair and unbiased.
10. **210124: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of the Council on Aging provide this Council with updates and ways to help seniors living in our community.
11. **210125: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Superintendent of Schools update this Council on how the school year is faring, best practices, projected changes, any ways to help, etc.
12. **210126: Discuss** (Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang) – That the Mayor consider increasing the minimum age for mandatory wearing of face masks to children over 5 years of age.