

RNA 7/27/20 (Virtual)

Board Members: Rachel, John, Jen, Rebecca, Joelle, Jackson, Jeff D
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Speaker, Dr. Letitia Dziarsa (Commissioner of Health)

- since 2019
- lives in District 11
- Updates: <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/>
- avg 128 new cases per day, approaching 400 deaths in the city
- Seeing a steady trend in 20-40 age group, and now the median age is 35- this prompted the new lockdown of indoor dining and mandatory masks.
- childcare and camps have a 15 per classroom cap
- personal services, rec, malls, sports/no spectators, and religious all at 50% capacity
- face mask order: implemented because it protects, but its not fool proof so social distancing is the most important. Masks have to be worn while in indoor spaces where you cannot be separated by 6ft distance, and outdoors when you cant social distance with people that are not in your family.
- STAY HOME as much as possible
- If you leave your house, bring a mask and sanitizer
- City has a TRI (triage, respite, and isolation) at Lord Baltimore Hotel for people that cannot be at home
- City testing sites are throughout the city at various locations and times. Most of walk ups, some are appointment only. The biggest site is at Pimlico and convention center
- There are mobile sites for walk up testing
- Questions: are masks required in gyms? Yes- right now masks are required, while indoors, if you cannot be 6 ft apart
- questions: are pods safe? Gatherings are not limited, but not recommended. You need to maintain safety while in the pod.
- push the message that masks protect the wearer? Yes, trying
- contact tracing? Doing it in conjunction with the state for city residents only. The state is the main source for contract tracing. City is actively hiring tracers.
- Joggers not wearing masks. How is mask mandate being enforced? The city police is aware, but we are not over policing.
- Is racism going to be labeled a public health plan, like Boston? The city had started a long term plan that included racism and equality, and now coronavirus and this will be released to the city soon. In general, what our dept does centers on the vulnerable populations.

Public Safety, Jeff Dewberry, Srg Jimmy Shetterly, Matt (liquor board)

- Crime is down in all categories district wide.
- Officers have been called to Webster and Jackson st a few times for larcenies.
- Large gathering in Fed Hill Park, at night- we have responded to inform on the 6ft rule and being a park after dark. Neighbors have emailed license plates of cars that follow delivery drivers to take packages. The police dept is aware and there are some things in the works. Continue sending any pictures you have.
- Update on man named Axl- city homeless has been reaching out, he refuses services. They plan to continue asking.
- Businesses have been requesting parklet permissions to have outdoor tables w/ alcohol. More information on the liquor board website.
- No one has request slow streets permissions.

Jackson, Parks

- Park is slowing moving through the phases.
- Pool is open, online reservations, w/ 50 person limit per session through city aquatics page. Please cancel any reservations you are not going to use by calling 410-396-3841 or replying back to your email confirmation.
- Riverside pool books up fast- reservations are live at 10am Monday for the following week. Try out other city neighborhood pools if you cannot get into Riverside.
- Gazebo rentals are allowed for small gatherings.
- Rec sports teams are back.

- Trees are being removed that are dying.
- RNA is working on the pathway near TJEMS. The donation comes from Domino Sugar in lieu of the concerts.
- Questions: are basketball hoops installed again? They should be up.
- Question: can the skate board and pickle ball courts stay in the reno? Yes.