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Boston Public Health Commission | Building a Healthy Boston



1877

The Boston City Hospital Ambulance Service established, today known as Boston EMS



2003

The Commission's "Clean Air Works Workplace Smoking Restrictions" regulation banned smoking in Boston workplaces, bars, and restaurants

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

2017

Neighborhood Trauma Team launched as a network to support those affected by community violence



1799

The Boston Board of Health established with Paul Revere as its president



1996

The Boston Public Health Commission formed, resulting from the merger of Boston City Hospital and Boston University Hospital



2017

Engagement Center opened to connect clients with recovery services



2017

BPHE awarded national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board

MISSION

To protect, preserve, and promote the health and well-being of Boston residents, particularly the most vulnerable.

VISION

The Boston Public Health Commission envisions a thriving Boston where all residents live healthy, fulfilling lives free of racism, poverty, violence, and other systems of oppression. All residents will have equitable opportunities and resources, leading to optimal health and well-being

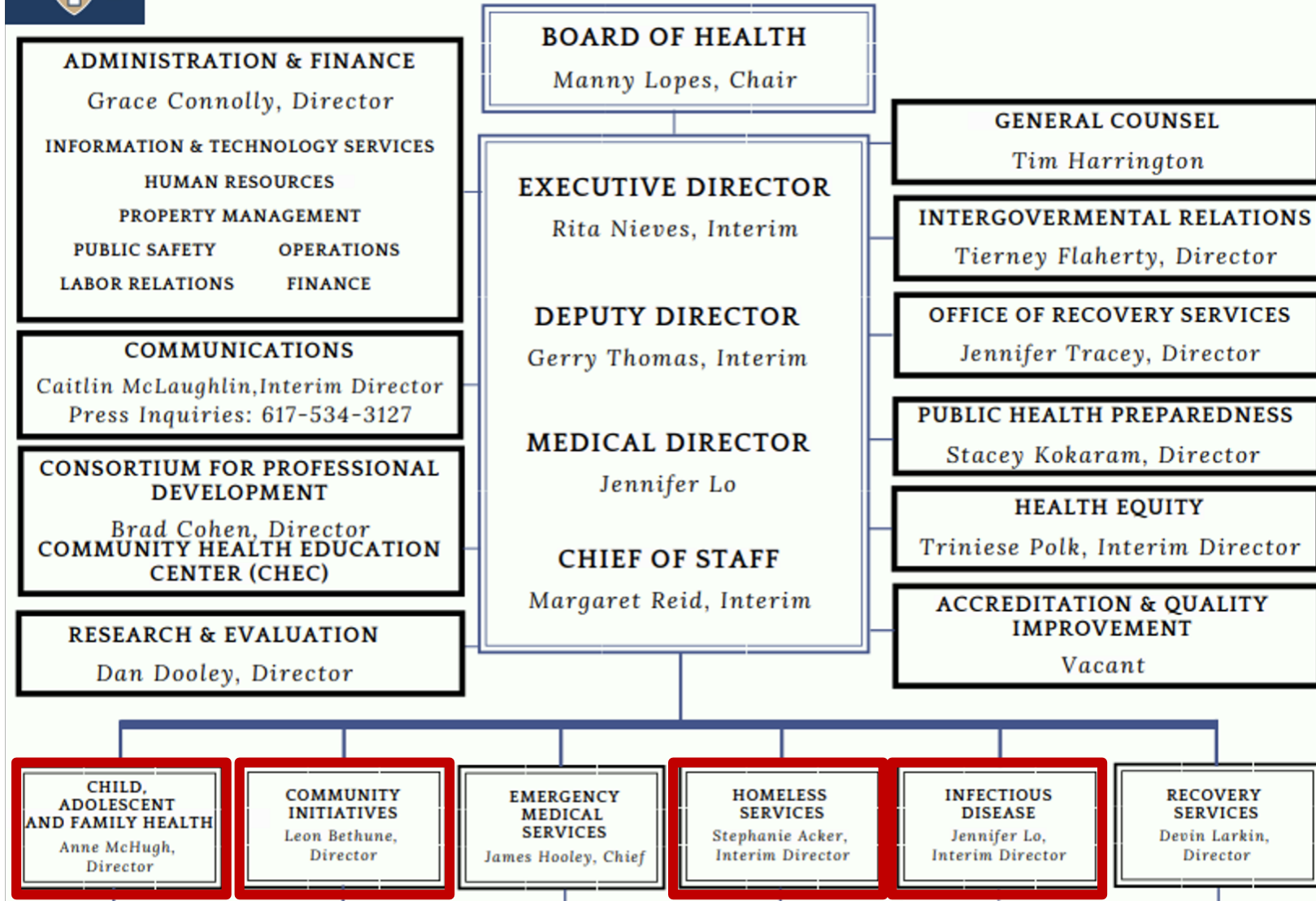
Strategic Plan



6 Bureaus

Over 1,100 Employees

Over 40 Programs



Child, Adolescent and Family Health

Addresses physical and mental health needs of Boston children, youth and families, particularly those whose health is compromised by social inequality.

FY20 Accomplishment

Provided over 900 families with home visiting services and links to resources through its Healthy Baby Health Child Boston program.

Community Initiatives

Supports environmental concerns, chronic disease prevention and management, access to health care, and the enforcement of citywide health regulations.

FY20 Accomplishment

Rapidly implemented new Board of Health and state regulations on vaping and flavored tobacco, protecting our youth and particularly youth of color.

Homeless Services

Oversees homelessness programs, such as emergency shelter, health and behavioral health services, job readiness and training, substance use treatment, recovery support, and rapid rehousing services.

FY20 Accomplishment

Permanently placed 351 individuals outside of shelter, a 20% increase from this time last year.

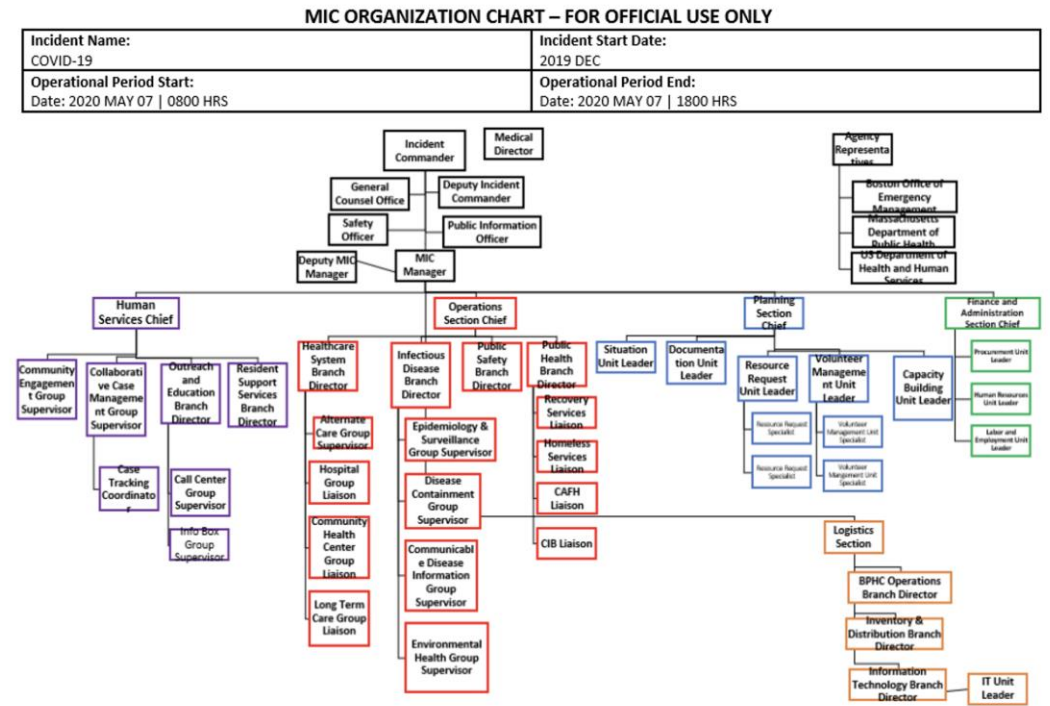
Infectious Disease

Includes disease surveillance, investigation of cases and outbreaks, funding a continuum of HIV/AIDS-related education and care through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act, community and provider education related to communicable diseases, and the operation of a tuberculosis (TB) clinic.

FY20 Accomplishment

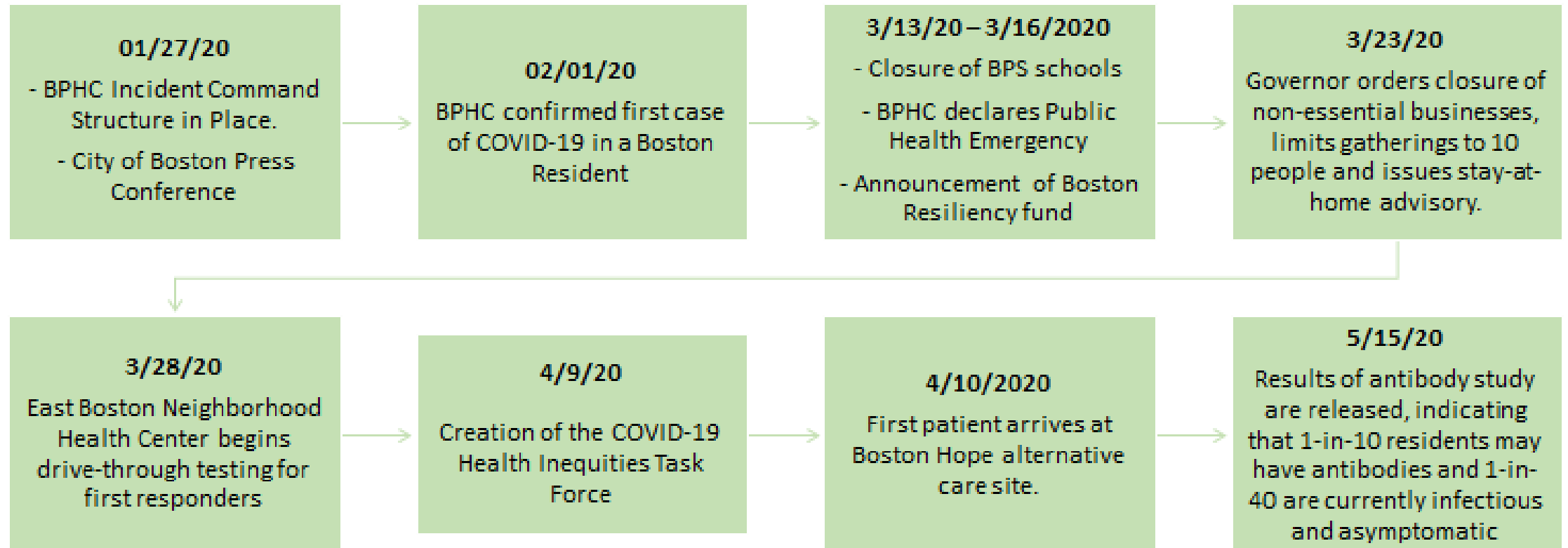
Investigated 11,824 non-COVID infectious disease reports, and managed 1,410 contacts associated with non-COVID-19 conditions.

Public Health Preparedness



COVID-19

Boston Timeline



BPHC's Covid19 Response Plan Objectives

Objective 1: Manage BPHC's COVID-19 Response

BPHC has provided day-to-day direction & leadership on the COVID-19 response, including streamlining decision making & planning preparedness, response and recovery stages of our response.

Objective 2: Maintain Situational Awareness for internal and external partners

By gathering & sharing of information on a daily basis related to our emergency response and new Covid related developments to key partners.

Objective 3: Provide Guidance to Partners

BPHC's response team provides public health guidance to partners through provision of resources, training, & information.

Objective 4: Share Information with residents Boston residents and provide accurate & up-to-date information about COVID-19.

Outreach and Education

- We seek to provide information that is clear, actionable, and linguistically and culturally competent.



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SOCIAL DISTANCING: DOS AND DON'TS

TRAVEL	GO TO GROCERY STORE	GO FOR A WALK/RUN/HIKE
PLAYDATES	PICK UP MEDICATION AT A PHARMACY	CALL, EMAIL, VIDEO CHAT
PICK UP GAMES	FILL UP ON GAS AT GAS STATION	READ A BOOK
PARTIES	PICK UP TAKEOUT AT RESTAURANTS	WATCH A MOVIE OR SHOW
VISITS		CLEAN YOUR HOME
		COOK A MEAL

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2019 Nouvo Kowonaviris

Dat Dènye Modifikasyon: 12 Mas 2020 Enfòmasyon yo toujou ap evolye vit. Sou kontèks sa BPHC konte modifye enfòmasyon sa yo lè nouvo enfòmasyon enpòtan vin disponib.

Kisa nouvo kowonaviris 2019 ye?
 Nouvo kowonaviris 2019 (SAS CoV-2, ki te rele 2019-nCoV) se li ki lakòz maladi ki rele kounye a COVID-19. Li se nouvo souch kowonaviris, ki fèk dekouvri nan vil Wuhan nan peyi Lachin. Anvan sa li pat konn transmèt sou moun. Kowonaviris (CoV) se yon gwo fanmi viris ki lakòz moun kòmanse malad avèk larim pou rive nan maladi ki pi grav. Sendwòm Respiratwa Mwayennoryan (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, KMERS-COV) ak Sendwòm Respiratwa Sevè (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, SARS-COV) se egzanp Kowonaviris ki ka lakòz maladi grav.

Kijan COVID-19 simaye?
 Lè epidemi an te kòmanse nan Wuhan peyi Lachin, anpil pasyan te rapòte koneksyon ant yon gwo fwidmè ak makèt ki vann vyann bèt. Sa te sijere viris la te transmèt ant zannimo ak moun. Kounye a li klè COVID-19 simaye sitou ant moun ak moun. Viris la simaye nan goutlèt respiratwa ki soti lè yon moun ki enfekte touse oswa etènye. Goutlèt sa yo kapab tonbe sou moun ki toupre yo (yon distans apeprè 6 pye). Li ka posib tou pou yon moun pran COVID-19 lè li manyen yon sifas oswa on objè ki kontamine epi moun nan manyen bouch li, nen oswa zye li ak men ki kontamine a. Nouvo prèv yo sijere ke COVID-19 ka rete pandan anpil tan oswa anpil jou sifas ki feta k yon varyete materyel.

Kisa siy ak sentòm COVID-19 ye?
 Kèk nan sentòm yo se lafyèv ak maladi respiratwa, tankou tous ak difikilte pou respire. Nan ka grav yo, enfeksyon an kapab lakòz bwonchit, nemoni, sendwòm respiratwa sevè, ensifizans renal epi menm lanmò. Sentòm COVID-19 yo ka sanble avèk sentòm grip la.

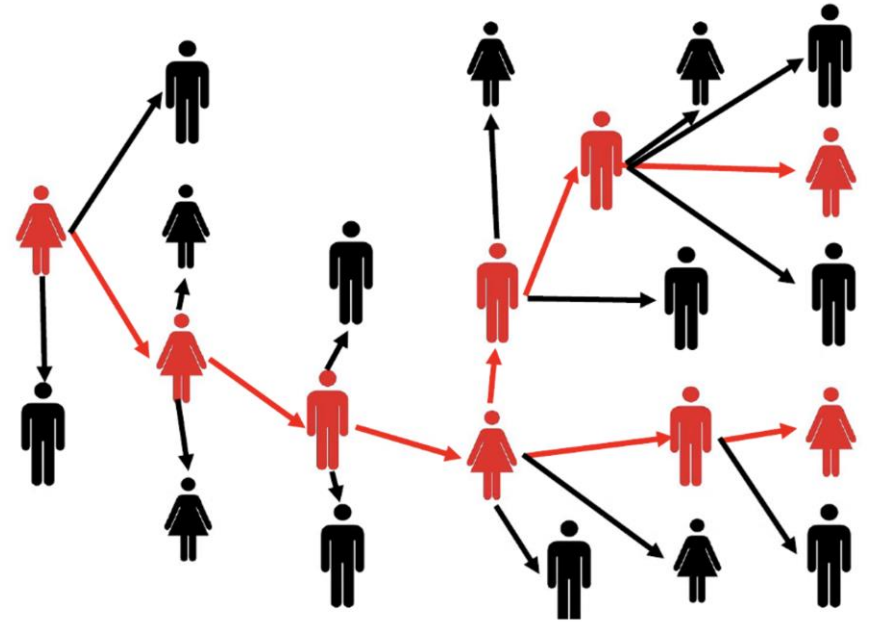
Ki moun ki nan risk pou konplikasyon grav nan COVID-19?
 Gen moun ki nan pi gwo risk pou yo vin malad grav akòz-
 • Granmoun aje yo
 • Moun ki...

Objective 5: Stop the Spread of Covid19

Contact Tracing

In response to COVID 19, the Commission worked to increase the contact tracing team from its original team of 15 full time public health nurses to between 40 and 50 today.

- Trace and monitor contacts of infected people
- Support the quarantine of contacts
- Provide linguistically and culturally competent resources to contacts



THANK YOU NURSES
NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

"In her role as a Public Health nurse, Belle will verify confirmed cases of COVID-19, gather clinical information, identify contacts to reduce the risk of spreading the virus and monitor the case's symptoms."



Objective 6: Coordinate Resources with healthcare partners & others - Help BPHC programs get the resources they need to support guests, clients, & staff

Redeployment & New Roles

Disease Containment Strike Team

- 8 inspectors deployed to support 68 facilities
- Targets congregate settings with the potential for rapid spread of infection
- Public health inspectors perform “virtual inspections”
- Provide guidance on proper cleaning supplies and protocols for monitoring the wellness of staff

Information as of May 18

Protecting Vulnerable Populations

Keeping Our Health Centers and Long-term Care Facilities Resourced and Safe:

- Fulfill critical resource needs
- Provide staffing support
- Issue guidance and advisories
- Clear and frequent communication
- Deploy the Disease Containment Strike Team to protect vulnerable populations in congregate care settings

Item Type	Qty. Sent by MDPH	Qty. Sent by BPHC
Alcohol Prep Pads	560	6,040
Boot Covers	19,800	9,690
Disinfectant Spray	0	689
Exam Gloves	128,100	305,150
Face Shields	18,584	22,887
Goggles/ Eye Protection	992	4,582
Gowns	65,633	70,757
Hair Bouffant	9,000	2,500
Hand Sanitizer	104	12,874
N95 Masks	68,630	36,847
Other	1,000	0
Paper Towel	0	402
Surgical Masks	82,120	439,269
Thermometers	0	6,378
Toilet Paper	0	384
Tyvek suits	0	452
Grand Total	394,523	918,901

Protecting Vulnerable Populations



Keeping Our Shelters Safe:

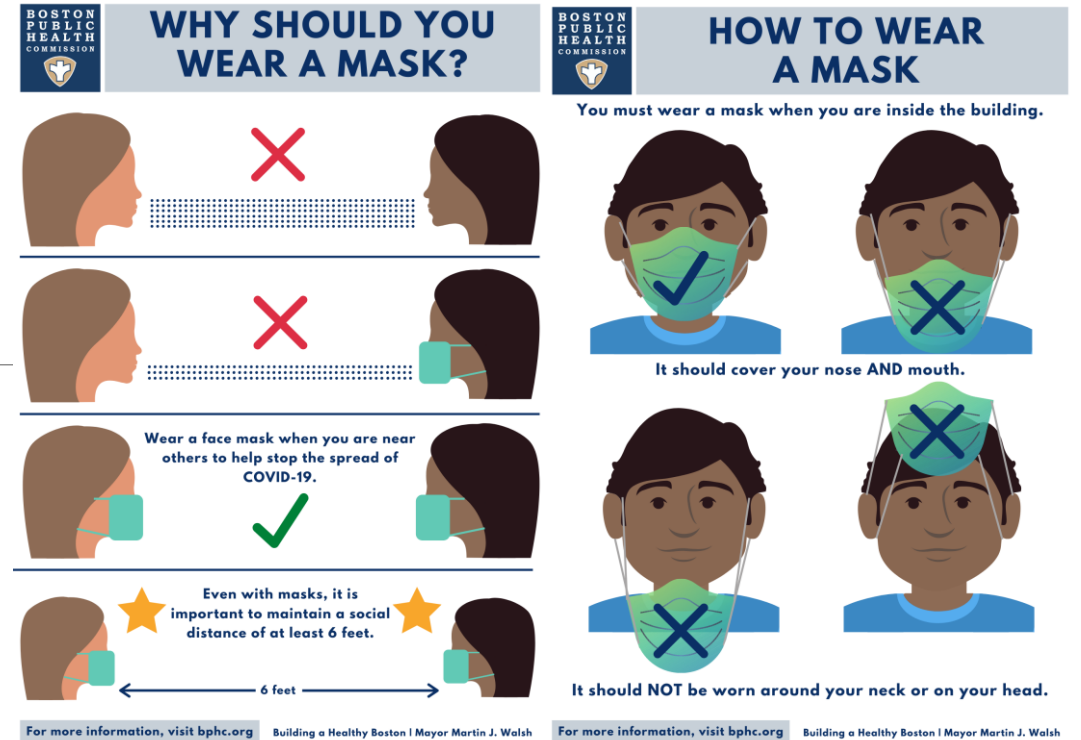
- Alternative care sites
- Dedensification of shelters
- Keeping our doors open to both new guests and returning
- Safety protocols for staff
- Universal COVID-19 testing for all unhoused individuals in Boston

FY21 New Initiative: Study on the implementation of a 40-bed co-ed housing facility targeting the on-street population struggling with homelessness and substance use disorder.

Objective 7: Protect BPHC's Workforce

Reshaping BPHC for social distancing to protect staff and ensure we can continue serving Boston residents:

- New Telework Policy
- Revised Sick-leave Policy
- PPE for front-line staff
- Monitoring Stations
- Safety Officer
- Accommodations for front-line staff



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Objective 8: Meet Human Services Needs

- We recognize the burden that COVID-19 is placing on individuals, ranging from job loss to emergency childcare needs to mental health challenges related to isolation and fear.
- We help coordinate & monitor needs that fall outside the scope of health care needs.
- We are providing Virtual Services for Pregnant Women: Healthy Baby Healthy Child and Welcome Family is accepting referrals for pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers. Services are being offered via phone, text, FaceTime, and/or Skype – depending on the client's technology access – and are available in 6 languages.

BPHC's Covid19 Response Plan



Objectives 9: Recovery Planning

- **Recovery v. Reopening:**
 - **Reopening: Loosening restrictions.**
 - **Recovery: Strengthening and rebuilding the health of Boston.**
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- **COVID-19 City of Boston Disaster Recovery Framework:** BPHC is working to help develop a framework that is effective, efficient, equitable and framed by social determinants of health and racial and social inequities.
 - **Health Equity Task Force:** Recommendations for greater equity in data collection, testing sites, and healthcare services for Black, Latinx, Asian, and immigrant residents during the pandemic.

Questions?