

Board of Health Meeting – August, 2020
Community Health Division, Lowell Health Department

Community Health Coordinator (CHC)
Kate Elkins

COVID-19 Efforts

- The CHC is providing support to the Health Director regarding COVID-19 communication efforts and community partnerships.
- The CHC has worked with the HHS Director to plan and coordinate the Lowell Stop the Spread campaign for COVID-19 testing, identifying and securing sites with our community partners to best serve our populations in most need.

Flu Season 2020

- The CHC assisted the Public Health Nursing Division with planning for flu season, which is expected to have higher volume than in the past, due to COVID-19.

Healthy Living in Lowell

- Healthy Living in Lowell filming is currently on hold due to COVID-19.

Access to Equitable Physical Activity

- The City of Lowell was awarded a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation to establish more equitable opportunities for physical activity in Lowell over a three-year period.
- The “Healthy Walking Trails” project is on standby due to COVID-19.
- Stationary fitness equipment will be procured and a tentative installation timeframe of August 2020.

Employee Health and Wellness

- All activities are currently on hold due to COVID-19.

Vision 2020 Grant

- Mid-year report has been submitted to the Greater Lowell Health Alliance providing an update that 484 students at Lowell Public Schools received a vision screening using the SPOT Vision Screener (procured from grant funds). Screening efforts were cut short due to COVID-19 shutdown.

Sun Safety Initiative

- Sunscreen kiosks will be placed at public pool site, providing sunscreen at no cost to residents using facility.
- Kiosks were procured through a partnership with Impact Melanoma in 2019.