

**Amherst Board of Health
Notice of Public Hearing
Thursday, May 13, 2021
5:00 PM**

The Amherst Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Thursday May 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm to review and hear comments relative to a proposed Board of Health Regulation entitled “Prohibiting Smoking in Workplace and Public Places”. Please note, this meeting will be conducted virtually and will accommodate public comment to the extent practical. A hyperlink to the hearing will be posted on the Town’s online calendar.

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/84738589352>

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Proposed policies in the draft regulation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Protect the health of employees in their workplaces from exposure to secondhand smoke
- protect the health of the general public from extended exposure to secondhand smoke in places where they congregate
- It shall be the responsibility of the employer to provide a smoke and vape free environment for all employees working in an enclosed workplace as well as those workplaces
- The use of e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems is prohibited wherever smoking is prohibited per M.G.L. Ch. 270, §22

A draft of the regulation is available for review at the Town of Amherst web site: www.amherstma.gov or the Amherst Public Health Department located at the Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst. For more information, contact Health Director Emma Dragon at 413-259-3077.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

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AGENDA

5:00 **Meeting Opens**

5:02 **Public Hearing**

1. Review and hear comments relative to a proposed Board of Health Regulation entitled "Prohibiting Smoking in Workplace and Public Places."
2. Public Comment
3. Closing Remarks from the Board of Health

5:20 **Review & Receive**

1. Meeting Minutes from April 8th, 2021– DRAFT

5:25 **Old Business**

1. Board vote on “Prohibiting Smoking in Workplace and Public Places”
2. Update from Health Inspections - outdoor dining, farmers market, inspections, etc.

5:40 **New Business**

1. Board of Health member appointments

6:00 **Directors Reports:**

1. Covid – 19 Update
2. Clinics, outreach for equity, homebound immunizations, adverse reactions to vaccine, etc.

6:20 **Topics not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to the meeting**

6:25 **Adjourn.**

Public participation & public comment instructions:

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