

**Board of Health Meeting – April, 2020**  
Community Health Division, Lowell Health Department

Community Health Coordinator (CHC)  
*Kate Elkins*

***COVID-19 Efforts***

- The CHC has been working diligently in partnership with the Health Director and City Manager’s office to produce internal and external messaging and communications regarding COVID-19. This includes:
  - Website update at [lowellma.gov/coronavirus](http://lowellma.gov/coronavirus)
  - Press releases
  - Staff updates and email
  - Community partner updates and emails
  - Emergency Operations Center caller talking points, forms, etc

***Healthy Lowell Week***

- Events and efforts have been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19.

***Healthy Living in Lowell***

- Healthy Living in Lowell filming has been postponed due to COVID-19, however several episodes were pre-filmed, including an episode on the dangers of vaping and a women’s health episode.

***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 installed in Sheehy Park, but project is on standby due to COVID-19.

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***Employee Health and Wellness***

- The CHC is working with the city’s health and wellness committee to implement plans for programming in 2020. Many activities are currently on standby.

***Vision 2020 Grant***

- No update for this program.

***Sun Safety Initiative***

- Events and efforts are on standby for 2020 due to COVID-19.

***Additional Notes***

- The CHC is planning a maternity leave for April – July and all preparations have been made for coverage during this time.