

Health Agent Update

Date: December 11, 2023

1. **Site Assessments(ob/percs/etc)** -New construction assessment- none
Repairs- 88 Cross Street
2. **Plans Submitted-** *New Construction-* none
*Repairs-*Walnut Street
3. **Systems under construction**
*New Construction-*582 Oak Street
Repairs- 18 Leo's Lane(d- box)
4. **Food Inspections-**
Routine Food Inspections- Gordon Middle School, Jr/Sr High School, Honey Dew Donuts(Bedford Street) Hi-Low Gas (Bedford St)- some paper, some electronic inspections
*Follow-up Inspection-*none
Mobile Food Trucks- none
Residential Kitchen- 52 West Pond St.
5. **Housing-** 4 Housing Inspections_– 91 Whitman Street
6. **Emerging Public Health Concerns-** DPH announced that there is a Hepatitis A Outbreak on the south shore with 6 cases in the last 2 weeks of November. None detected locally. Hepatitis A is viral, and contagious through intimate contact and food handling route .It has a 2-3 incubation period and is primarily in homeless individuals, drug users and those with a compromised immune system. Our major focus is on food handlers.
Sanitizer is not effective against Hep A, only hand washing.

Flu , Covid and SSR are increasing(as expected). Free Covid test kits with an expiration date of February 2024 are available in the BOH office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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