

Dover Board of Health-Dover COVID 19 Meeting -January 6,2022

Held remotely - via zoom - meeting recorded

Members present: Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Dr. Stephen Kruskall; Dr. Kay Petersen

Guest: Jennifer Luetny, Chair Recycling Committee

1. Meeting called to order at 9:01am.
2. Dr. Petersen gave an update from Public Health Nurse Alyssa Kaiser:
Case breakdown from 12-24-2021 through 1-4-2022.
 - up to 18 years of age - 19 cases
 - 18 - 39 years - 16 cases
 - 39 - 60 years - 11 cases
 - 60 years and up 15 cases
3. Nurse Kaiser would like to utilize reverse 911 for Covid messaging. Dr. Petersen and Dr. Kruskall feel it is not necessary at this time.
4. School and Sports Update:
 - More space is needed for lunches in schools. Additional rooms are being utilized as they were earlier in the pandemic.
 - Pool testing is being questioned.
 - Ed Maguire; Youth Basketball noted no games or practices took place over the break.
The game on 1/2/2022 was canceled and parents were notified by email regarding CDC guidance.
 - Nurse Jill Fedor reported schools struggling with contact tracing due to the increase of testing needs.
 - There were no hockey updates.
 - The second is clinic being held today at schools for boosters and vaccines.
5. Rapid Antigen Testing
 - Towns can purchase Rapid Antigen Tests from the state.
 - Rapid Antigen Kits should be used for the most vulnerable: child care, seniors, preschools and the unvaxed.
 - The BOH has requested 2000 Rapid Antigen Tests be ordered. Kate O'Brien will make the purchase.
6. Mask Mandate - Dr. Kruskall made a motion seconded by Dr. Petersen to retain the Mask Mandate Order of September 13, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
Of note: Sherborn voted to reinstate its mask mandate in public places.

7. Council on Aging-Janet Claypoole
 - All activities at the Caryl Community Center were canceled for January.
 - Cooking class at Powisset Farm - Mask Mandate is in effect except when eating.

8. Swap Shop-Jen Luethy Chair, Recycling Committee.
 - Concerns regarding air quality and traffic: Windows will be open, there will be a large pull up door and walk in door.
 - There will be a limit on the number of people allowed in at one time
 - Masks and social distancing will be in effect.
 - No parking or idling will be allowed adjacent to the swap shop. May require a police detail.

9. There was a discussion regarding whether or not waste haulers should be required to be licensed in Dover.

10. Childcare Centers
 - Precious Beginnings - Rick Garron - Not available.
 - Center for Development of Children - Sandy Blinn
 - Pool testing will be done: 6-7 per pool weekly over a 2 day period.
 - Childcare will be doing their own testing. A medical professional is required for children under 3 years of age.
 - Noanet Nursery School - Kristen Dennison
 - 2 cases in September; 1 case through Thanksgiving.
 - This week 1 case on Monday PCR positive(came to school)
 - Close contacts are being advised to isolate.
 - Wednesday a 4yr old tested positive and was told to isolate.
 - Trying to do pool testing.
 - Students may return to school after 5 days following a positive test if they no longer have a fever or other symptoms. If a follow up test is done you are required to isolate 10 days before returning to school.
 - It was noted the Early Education and Care Center in Franklin has testing and is a well run site.

11. At 11:00 am, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.