

Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting - January 13, 2022

Held remotely - via zoom - meeting recorded

Members present:

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

1. Meeting called to order 9:01 a.m
2. Update from Public Health Nurse Alyssa Kaiser:
There were no deaths or hospitalizations reported during this time span.
Contact tracing is limited; the focus is on schools, daycare, and large groups.
Dr. Kruskall and Dr. Petersen will meet with the new contact tracers.

Over the last 10 days 134 cases were reported:
69 cases - ages up to 18 years of age
32 cases - ages 19 - 39 years of age
19 cases - ages 40 - 60 years of age
14 cases - ages 61 and up.
3. Testing
 - The State Administration stated municipalities will be able to purchase rapid antigen tests at a state negotiated price. Dover/Sherborn may work on test orders together for school use.
 - Wastewater data in the past 3 days shows 40% decline which may imply a decrease in cases in the near future.
 - Pool testing is not being done in schools.
 - Mobile Testing by AFC Urgent Care is being done at Dover/Sherborn Regional Schools, Tuesdays - Thursdays - Saturdays.
4. My Vax-Massachusetts Immunization information system is available on line.
5. Messaging this week will focus on testing. The Board of Health will request input from residents as to which groups should receive priority.
6. The Council on Aging has confirmed that there is no in-person Mahjong at the Caryl Community Center.
7. Library
Nancy Tegler, Children's Library Director sought the Board's advice on activities and programs at the library. A discussion was held regarding safety issues versus the benefits of in-person library programs. Currently, masks are required in circles, there is no storytime, no food or drinks, and activities are being spread out. Dr. Kruskall suggested air quality testing be done.

8. **Dr. Petersen will reach out to Parks and Recreation to inquire on current classes and activities.**
9. **School vaccination rates as of a week ago:**
 - Pine Hill - 64%**
 - Chickering School - 70%**
 - Middle School - 82%**
 - High School - 99%**
10. **Mask Mandate:**

Gerry Clarke made a motion seconded by Kay Petersen to retain the Mask Mandate Order of September 13, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
11. **Kristen Dennison-Noanet Nursery School**
 - **EEC wants the local Boards of Health to continue to work with nursery schools.**
 - **Test and Stay Program: allows students to stay in school, be tested daily, but are not to be out in the community**
 - **When students are outside masks are not required.**
 - **Local pre-school test sites available: Franklin, Braintree, Plymouth and CIC Newton.**
12. **Dr. Petersen updated the Board about a new child care center Farm Street Friends being developed in Dover.**
13. **Dr. Petersen will address a complaint received of people being unmasked at a church service in Dover.**
14. **Transfer Station - Bob Tosi**

A suggestion was made to use paint on the tarmac for stopping points at the swap shop. Bottle deposit area ceiling has black mold. It must be addressed before the swap shop opens.
15. **Town Report - Dr. Kruskall requests Board members have their reports available by the following Wednesday for review.**
16. **Professor Clarke reported that two 2 new wells have been drilled at Francis Street and Knollwood Street.**
17. **Meeting adjourned 11:00 am.**