

## **Dover Board of Health Covid 19 - Meeting - January 27, 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 am
2. Administrative matters a FOIA request was made for 1-13-2022 Covid 19 Meeting minutes. Dr. Kruskall and Chairman Clarke would like a clarification from Town Counsel Attorney Nina Pickering-Cook, on the FOIA request law in regard to response time and draft form content from the town clerk's office.
3. A motion made by Professor Clarke, seconded by Dr. Kruskall to approve meeting minutes from 1-13-2022 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Health and Hygiene Committee Update
  - The Health and Hygiene Committee fully supports the current Mask Mandate.
  - Students and staff have a high percentage rate of vaccinations
  - 94% - Dover Sherborn Regional High School
  - 77% - Chickering School Elementary
  - 88% - Regional Middle School
  - 83% - Pine Hill Elementary
  - The transmission risks of COVID remains significant, infection rates are declining
5. School Nurse Jill Fedor suggested that with the current rate of vaccinations, the need for having vaccination clinics at the schools for boosters is not needed. A lot of other locations have boosters available, and the utilization of urgent care drive-ups has dropped off.
6. VNA Nurse Kaiser reports a total of 20 COVID cases.
7. Rapid Antigen Test Distribution Site
  - Dr. Petersen will speak with Bob Tosi, Department of Public Works, for the best dates for a Grab and Go Pick -Up of the tests at the transfer station and possible snow dates
  - It was suggested that 2 people would be needed for the clinic: one to check off the sign up list and one to bring the test to the car.
  - Rapid Antigen Tests can not be exposed or stored at temperatures below 36 degrees.
  - The distribution of 500 tests, approximately 60 per hour, is the goal

- A police detail would help with line formation
8. Dave Sullivan, Municipal Project Manager, will prepare a sign up sheet for the rapid antigen distribution site.
  9. Dr. Petersen and Kate O'Brien, Assistant Town Administrator will obtain the details of using the transfer station for the distribution of the rapid antigen tests.
  10. Currently the schools, the Charles River School and the childcare facilities have adequate supplies of the antigen tests.
  11. Janet Claypoole, Director of the Council on Aging will notify seniors of the antigen test drive-up test site and have a reserve for those who can not attend.
  12. Dr. Petersen made a motion seconded by Dr. Kruskall to retain the Mask Mandate Order of September 13, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
  13. The meeting was open for public comment. There was none.
  14. Dr. Petersen will inform the Town's residents of the rapid antigen test distribution site on social media.
  15. Dr. Petersen will discuss with the Board of Selectmen at a later date if the Town requires any future purchases of rapid antigen tests
  16. Professor Clarke requested Dr. Kruskall and Dr. Petersen submit their edits for the Town Report. The deadline is Friday January 28, 2022.
  17. These are the revisions that were agreed upon for the Town Report;
    - Deer Management, There seem to be fewer deer in the Town of Dover. More deer are being killed by motor vehicles than by the deer hunt.
    - Updated versions on the BOH active involvement will be provided on 40B and the Caryl Community Center septic systems. An updated list with the number of permits and licenses that were distributed.
    - Water Resources, There was discussion about the need to retain Kleinfelder as consultants. There was no concern regarding drought as 2021 was a normal year of precipitation
    - Food and Refreshments; The Board and its inspection agent worked to reduce the presence of vermin including rats, in areas served by commercial dumpsters near business establishments
    - Public Health and Awareness Substance Abuse; The Board has had to respond to several citation notices issued by the FDA and Massachusetts DPH regarding violations by commercial enterprises in the sale of tobacco products.

- Animal Inspection: update the total 2021 numbers
- Zoonosis Control: update EEE

18. John Quackenbush, Professor Biostatistics Harvard School of Public Health, commented that the Town Report should show a summary of the Board's accomplishments.

19. Professor Clarke will listen to the recorded meeting minutes to verify the Board's Town report changes.

20. At 10:35 it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.