

Dover Board of Health Covid - 19 Meeting - February 3, 2022  
Held remotely - via zoom - meeting recorded

Members present:

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

Guests: John Quackenbush, Professor and Chair of the Department of Biostatistics at Harvard School of Public Health

1. Meeting called to order 8:40 a.m
2. Dr. Kruskall reported that data over the last 7 days showed a total of 16 new COVID D cases in Dover. There is the possibility of rescinding the current mask mandate, with the drifting downward trend and the decrease in the current number of cases.
3. Dr. Petersen reported as of Monday a total of 10 cases in the schools among faculty and students with 4 cases on Monday and only 2 on Wednesday.
4. AFC Urgent Care Mobile has finished at the regional school.. AFC did 445 tests in January with 88 positive results.
5. The Dover/ Sherborn Regional School symptomatic drive through testing site will cease at the end of the week due to low positivity rates and fewer people coming through for testing. They will resume after the school spring break, February 28, 2022.
6. The Health and Hygiene Committee Meeting is discussing the possibility of rescinding the mask mandate due to the decrease in case numbers.
7. Schools will continue to supply high quality masks to any student or faculty that may request them and re-visit the Mask Mandate after school break
8. Dr. Kruskall spoke on the public's desire to unmask in public buildings independent of the schools, based on the data.
9. Dr. John Quackenbush suggested a survey go to town employees on their comfort level with the mask mandate being rescinded in public buildings.
10. Mask Mandate:  
Dr. Petersen made a motion seconded by Dr. Kruskall to retain the Mask Mandate Order of September 13, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
11. The Public Mask Mandate will be re-visited at the Monday 2-7-2022 meeting.

12. Rapid Covid Antigen Test Site

- Many resident inquiries were received by the Board of Health on test distribution.
- It was mentioned that the weather at the transfer station today will be 38 degrees and light rain.
- 372 residents have registered for a test kit.

13. The Community Paradigm Report will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting. Chairman Clarke will send a copy of the report to BOH employee staff for their input.

14. Middle School Student Patrick Driscoll requested someone to speak at their school March 1, 2022 on the importance of water safety.  
Professor Clarke will follow up on obtaining a speaker in the next few days.

15. Professor Clarke brought up growing issues of concerns about well requests.

16. Dr. Kruskall opened up the meeting for public comments. There was none.

17. The Board Of Health portion of the Town Report has been submitted.

18. Discussion was held on various town's mask mandates.

19. Town Messaging will include the importance of being vaccinated and boosted.

20. Meeting adjourned 9:10 am.