

**Dover Board of Health Covid- 19 Meeting - February 17, 2022**  
**Held remotely - via zoom - meeting recorded**

**Members present:**

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

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Dr. Kruskall and Dr. Petersen will review and update the meeting minutes of February 11, 2022
3. Public Health Nurse Quad Brooks reported 3 COVID cases in the past 7 days through 2/16/2022. Nurse Brooks will continue to do contact tracing with calls advising isolation and quarantine.
4. BioBot Analytics raw data shows a decline of COVID in the wastewater over the past week.
5. DESE is lifting the mask mandate in schools 2/28/2022. The schools have concerns and will lift the mask mandate 3/7/2022 barring foreseen circumstances.
6. Jill Fedor, Lead School Nurse; Aggressive Rapid Antigen Testing has been encouraged in schools and at home for the week following the school vacation break; plenty of tests are available.
7. Latest DPH Webinar update; wastewater testing is helpful for municipalities, college communities, prisons, and congregate care facilities. Visitors to these facilities may impact the results of the data.
8. There was a discussion about the cost to the Board for the VNA and the use of funds for the Shared Service Program Grant. Dr. Petersen will speak with Elaine Stephens, Chief Executive Officer, Natick/Walpole VNA.
9. Dr. Kruskall requested to see Natick/ Walpole VNA invoices.
10. There was discussion on PFAS testing and possible radon testing. The Selectmen are looking into signing a possible contract with CDM Smith or Kleinfelder for the testing. Dr. Kruskall inquired if radon testing was being done in addition to the water testing, and if the Town House had been tested.
11. Dr. Kruskall asked to what extent is the Board responsible for PFAS and radon issues?

12. Rapid Antigen Testing: Dr. Petersen reported the Transfer Station event flowed and worked well. Many Rapid Tests are available at the Board of Health offered for distribution to Dover residents. The post office has started to distribute the Federal Rapid Antigen Tests to residents.
13. Janet Claypoole, Council on Aging; 32 Antigen kits were given out and a log is being kept. No kits were given out at the Grab and Go. Few home deliveries were distributed. The COA will be moving to the Town House 3-1-2022. Janet and Quad thought of April as a goal to resume blood pressure clinics due to the need for privacy and space. Janet stated that giving out extra antigen kits to residents with compromised health issues would be a great benefit. Dr Petersen will put information into the messaging.
14. There will be a Selectmen's Meeting with the Board to discuss the Community Paradigm report.
15. Meeting was open for public comment. No comments were made.
16. Dr. Kruskall made a motion seconded by Dr. Petersen to continue the mask mandate in municipal buildings in Dover.
17. Virtual town meetings will continue until July. Professor John Quackenbush, Department of Biostatistics at Harvard School of Public Health commented that a lot of people like the zoom meetings, as they are easy to watch from home.
18. The Caucus and Annual Town meeting will be held in person.
19. The Covid 19 Board of Health meetings may change to an alternative week schedule.
20. Child Care Centers;  
Kristen Denninson, Noanet Nursery School would like to continue along with school mask mandates and possibly longer. They have a lot of tests available and are asking parents to test after school vacation. No cases reported.  
  
Grace Church - Grace School, now has a preschool/nursery. The EEC advises childcare centers to get advice (not required) from their local BOH on operating procedures. Dr Petersen will reach out to the school to confirm the status of the school.
21. Dr. Kruskall spoke with Selectman Robert Springett about the black mold at the transfer station. There will now be a movement to remediate it.
22. The next meeting will take place 2/24/2022.
23. At 10:45 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

