

Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2021

Held remotely via zoom

Participants: Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Stephen Kruskall, M.D., member; Kay Petersen, M.D., member

1. Meeting called to order 10:02 am
2. There was a discussion of the reported perceived inferior quality and hesitancy regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It was noted that people around the world appear to have trust in specific manufacturers of vaccines.
3. Messaging this week will focus on the safety and benefit of the three vaccines currently available in the U.S.
4. Nurse Kaiser is expecting detailed information soon from the state on vaccine distribution to homebound residents.
5. Dr. Kruskall and Professor Clarke both noted that the state's definition of homebound individuals appears very restrictive. The Board will look to the Council on Aging, the Police Department, and Emergency services for a list of homebound individuals in Dover. The Town has until March 12 to decide whether to arrange for vaccines for its homebound citizens or to go with the state's plan.
6. It was reported at the last DPH webinar that Proms have been under discussion but no recommendations have been made as yet.
7. The Board plans to gather more specific information regarding the Recycling Committee's Spring Clean-up. The Board will also speak with the point person on Cruise Night protocols.
8. The Board decided that should one of its members be on vacation and unavailable for a meeting, only motions of an emergency nature would be moved for vote.
9. The Board will check with the COA Director on the role of BayPath as a social agency and resource for older citizens.
10. At 11:21 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.