

DOVER BOARD OF HEALTH COVID-19 MEETING MINUTES - March 11, 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 8:15 am
2. Messaging this week will be on clarifying guidelines for those fully vaccinated including the need to still wear masks and maintain social distancing.
3. It was reported that a new home test is being developed that will not require samples to be sent to a lab for analysis.
4. From the CDC:
 - Travel guidance - There is no need to quarantine if one is fully vaccinated.
 - Nursing homes visitors allowed regardless of vaccination status
5. The number of vaccine doses available in the state is rising. It was also noted that there is no evidence to suggest that the current vaccines are not effective against the variant strains of the virus.
6. Dr. Petersen reported that pool testing has begun in the schools.
7. The Board reiterated its position that it is best to go with the State vaccination plan for the homebound as the VNA has stated that it cannot be sure it will be able to obtain the vaccines.
8. There was a discussion of which Boards had jurisdiction over water issues in town according to Mass general law. The Board of Selectmen is expected to sign a contract with Colonial Water Company at its next scheduled meeting.
9. Dr. Kruskall will speak with the Town Clerk to learn if all approved meeting minutes have been posted on the website.
10. At 9:52 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.