

Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - March 18, 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. The Public Health Nurse reported that there appears to be a small uptick in cases from February Vacation. She expressed frustration that individuals are not forthcoming with necessary information regarding close contacts. There were 9 confirmed cases in Dover last week, 4 of them from school aged children.
3. Messaging this week will focus on reminding folks they are putting their community at risk when not cooperating fully with the contact tracers; everyone shares responsibility to protect the community.
4. It was learned at the latest DPH webinar that schools cannot require pool testing of students; another survey regarding homebound individuals will be forthcoming from the state; prom guidance is not yet ready but will be forthcoming; the move from 3 ft to 6 ft of social distance in schools does not appear to be significant; masking and ventilation are key for stopping the spread
5. Dr. Kruskall suggested that high end home health care agencies may be a good source for finding some homebound residents in Dover. Nurse Kaiser will follow up.
6. Professor Clarke made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kruskall, to approve meeting minutes of October 9, 15, 19, 22, 29 and March 8, 2021 as submitted and to approve meeting minutes of March 3 and March 4, 2021 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Karen will follow up with Jackie Ross, on the Board's suggested protocol changes for Hale Reservation.
8. Dr. Petersen reported that she has spoken with Steve Ward regarding potential consultation services. He suggested that looking at best practices instead of benchmarking would be more helpful to the Board.
9. At 12:16 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.