

Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - April 8, 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 10:05 am
2. Mark Gilhoni, Parks and Recreation Director, came to the meeting to discuss spring and summer programming and to inquire if the use of porta potties would be allowed. According to the state's reopening plan, phase 4 step 1, the porta potties must be maintained as any other public restroom and cleaned at least once daily. Mark explained that while most use occurs on the weekends, they are still needed weekdays for practice. The Board agreed to allow their use as long as CDC regulations are followed and the doors are open when not in use for better ventilation, if possible.
3. Preponderance of current transmission appears to be in the range of 20-49 years of age.
4. Reported from the Public Health Nurse:
 - A large number of cases are related to youth sports
 - There has been no travel guidance modification that would require children under 10 years of age to test/quarantine when their parents are not required to do so
 - There are a lot of false positives with the antigen tests. Best to go with the PCRDr. Petersen will bring up travel advisory concerns at the next Health and Hygiene Committee meeting.
5. Messaging this week will focus on spring vacation safety.
6. Dr. Petersen reported that the Interim Superintendent Search Committee will be meeting with the Health and Hygiene Committee to propose in-person interviews.
7. Tracey Mannion proposed a plan for Cruise Night:
 - It will take place on the Town Common on a Saturday between 4:00-8:00 pm.
 - Approximately 20 vintage cars, placed far apart
 - Not more than 25 people at one time
 - Grilling on site would not be allowed as current food truck guidance calls for table seating as masks are required except when eating at the table.The Board agreed to the parameters set up and considered it a low risk event.
8. On a motion by Dr. Petersen, seconded by Professor Clarke, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of March 29, 2021.

9. The Library Director joined the meeting to review protocols for the reopening of the community room at the town library to the public. There will be one entry way and one exit. The Director plans to put tables in the room to allow patrons to review material. Pre-COVID capacity was at 90 people. Dr. Petersen will confirm the numbers currently allowed. Masks will be available and required.
10. Dr. Petersen detailed different approaches of consulting firms that could respond to the RFQ.
11. The Board stated that it is not in favor of expanded public access to the Town House at this time.
12. The Director of Elm Bank will be invited to a future BOH meeting to discuss upcoming spring/summer programs and protocols.
13. At 12:05 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.