

Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - May 6, 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 10:00 am
2. Michael Kickham of Sherborn and Carol Jackman of Dover presented each town's plan for its Memorial Day Celebration. Dover plans to celebrate on Sunday May 30 at 4:00 pm on the Town House Common. A speaker will be at the podium. There will be chairs for veterans, scouts in uniform will sit with their families spaced 6 feet apart. The D-S High School Band will play. There will be no singing and masks are required. A small procession to the cemetery will take place at the conclusion of the program. The Board was satisfied with the protocols presented for the Memorial Day Celebration.
3. Public Health Nurse Kaiser reported on quarantine confusion and her need along with the school nurses to clarify what is required and recommended to the parents. Close contacts are still being tracked even without quarantine. Testing continues to be advised.
4. It was reported from the last DPH webinar that mass vaccination sites will start to close soon as the focus will shift to regional and local sites.
5. Dr. Petersen reported that 2 T-Ball teams have been put together.. Sport tournaments will be allowed as of May 10. The Health and Hygiene Committee will consult on upcoming school banquets.
6. Dover resident John Shue requested that the Board review the spectator ban at school sporting events. Students would like to attend and show support for the student athletes. Spectators would follow state guidance. He asked for a quick response as there are only four more weeks to play. Dr. Petersen will take the request to the Health and Hygiene as soon as possible and will inform Emily Sullivan, Athletic Director, of any policy changes.
7. Dr. Kruskall made a motion seconded by Dr. Petersen to allow spectators at youth sports with the consent of the Health and Hygiene Committee and conformity to state guidelines. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Dr. Petersen made a motion seconded by Dr. Kruskall to cancel all upcoming posted Friday COVID Emergency meetings. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Dr. Petersen verified that updated recent guidance now allows food to be served at wedding receptions while attendees are standing.

10. The Board of Selectmen have requested input from the Board of Health regarding the possibility of holding the June 12, 2021 Special Town Meeting indoors. Both Drs. Kruskall and Petersen stated that it is not a good idea and holding it outdoors would be safer.
11. Messaging will center on gathering in large crowds and that vaccines for 12-15 year olds are likely to become available.
12. At 12:05 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously