

## Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - May 27, 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 10:20 am
2. There was a discussion on the effectiveness of aerial spraying by Norfolk County Mosquito Control. Gerald mentioned that Dover residents may go on-line and opt out if they do not want NCMC to spray their property. The Board reiterated its position that it's best for individuals to use insect repellent containing deet and put permethrin on clothing when outdoors.
3. A suggestion was made that moving forward COVID emergency meetings may be held every other week as needed.
4. Concerns were raised about the current plan to delay the opening of the TownHouse to the public until August 2 due to renovations for two restrooms, as the Governor's state of emergency declaration is set to expire on June 15.
5. There was a discussion on the state's shared services grant funding opportunities which are available to Boards of Health.
6. While masking and social distance guidance decisions may be made at the local level, the Board agreed that it was satisfied following the state's guidelines for the moment.
7. Steve reported that the Governor has determined vaccinations will not be required for in-person school participation.
8. Kay reported that the state announced that the contact tracing collaborative (CTC) will end on September 30; the homebound inoculation program is expanding; the Senior Celebration went well; the Health and Hygiene Committee will meet monthly during the summer; use of the school cafeteria is anticipated for the fall.
9. Consultant interviews are scheduled for June 10:
  - 9:00 am - Public Health Solutions
  - 11:00 am - Community Paradigm Associates

The consultant's role is to help create an optimal design plan for the daily operations of the Board of Health over the long run.

10. At 12:17 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.