

## **Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - July 21, 2021**

Held jointly with Sherborn Board of Health, remote via zoom

**Participants:** Stephen Kruskall, M.D., member; Kay Petersen, M.D., member

**Absent:** Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 pm
2. Matt Bevers of the Health and Hygiene Committee gave a presentation outlining the high level of vaccinations in the two towns and the relatively low risk to students to contract the virus. It was noted that currently there are not any departments in town that require vaccinations.
3. A question arose regarding the continuation of surveillance testing in the schools. It is unclear whether the state will continue to pay the costs. More information is expected from the state in August.
4. Citizen comments:
  - Masks can be unclean and may contain dangerous pathogens
  - Pneumonia is of greater concern
  - Those under 20 years of age really not at risk
  - Vitamin protocols are steps parents can take
  - Vaccine should be a choice
  - No long term safety data exists
  - A vaccine cannot be undone once it is given
5. The Health and Hygiene Committee recommended that the schools not mandate vaccinations for school personnel or students at this time and not require masking beyond the current recommendations of the MDPH and CDC.
6. At 7:33 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.