

Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - July 29, 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 9:10 am
2. It was reported that COVID cases are on the rise throughout the state and in Dover. Dr. Petersen will ask the Public Health Nurse to again attend the ongoing Board of Health COVID meetings or supply an update on the case count when she cannot be present.
3. It has been reported that 95% of COVID hospitalizations in the state are for unvaccinated individuals.
4. Dr. Petersen noted that cases for those who are vaccinated are more likely to be asymptomatic and/or mild even though the virus is now much more transmissible.
5. Dr. Kruskall mentioned that he thought the public was not adequately informed or didn't understand that the vaccine is 94-95% effective, meaning there would be breakthrough cases.
6. The question arose as to what entity has authority for the Health and Hygiene Committee. Professor Clarke will check on it.
7. The Assistant Town Administrator informed the Board that there are 4 applicants for the part-time temporary administrative support position. She will set up a google drive folder that may be accessed by the Board to review the applicants' employment information.
8. Professor Clarke will make the effort to contact at least one more possible consultant.
9. At 11:27 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.