

Dover Board of Health COVID Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2021

Held remotely via Zoom

Participants: Professor Gerald Clarke, Chair; Stephen Kruskall, M.D. member; Kay Petersen, M.D., member

1. Meeting called to order 9:00 am
2. There was a discussion regarding the seasonal flu clinic. The Board agreed to pursue the possibility of arranging for another drive thru clinic. Professor Clarke was designated as the point person for the clinic.
3. Dr. Peterson announced that COVID case numbers are rising in Dover as well as in other communities. Dover has had 7 new cases in the past two weeks.
4. Dr. Kruskall noted that the members of the Boards of Health in both Sherborn and Dover had received hand delivered letters from "Citizens for Medical Freedom", who are opposed to a mask mandate in the schools.
5. Dr. Peterson reported on the most recent meeting of the Health and Hygiene Committee.
6. Public Health Nurse Alyssa Kaiser informed the Board that:
 - Of the 7 cases in Dover, 3 are breakthrough
 - It has been learned that many individuals are not getting their second vaccination
 - Current guidelines for fully vaccinated close contacts state that there is no need to quarantine but individuals are still required to monitor for symptoms.
 - Close contact in schools is considered between 3-6 ft apart; individuals do not need to quarantine as long as their masks have been worn properly.
 - DESE is expected to come out with updated guidance for the 2021-2022 academic year.
 - The CTC has been extended to thru December 2021
7. There was a discussion on how best to allow more citizens an opportunity to comment at the upcoming joint meeting of the Dover and Sherborn Boards of Health regarding a possible mask mandate.
8. Professor Clarke informed the Board that MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Council) is interested in possibly providing consulting services. A meeting with the organization will be scheduled.
9. At 11:10 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.