

## **Dover Board of Health COVID Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2021**

Joint Meeting with Sherborn Board of Health

Held remotely via Zoom

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm
2. The meeting began with a period of citizen comments on the question of requiring masks in the schools.
3. Citizen comments:
  - Students should wear masks due to the COVID Delta variant
  - Schools have been safe with the wearing of masks
  - Children feel safer wearing masks
  - Masks should be a choice as masks may contain pneumonia and respiratory illnesses are increasing
  - Government is looking to local officials to make decisions and encourages masks mandates
  - COVID is now more transmissible, therefore a mask mandate is needed
4. It was stated that the goal is to ensure that the schools remain safe and successful even though there is a large population not yet able to receive the vaccination.
5. Professor Clarke made a motion to recommend to the school administration that universal masking be required indoors, except when at lunch, or when there is a developmental or religious exemption. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kruskall. It passed unanimously.
6. At 7:34 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.