

Dover Board of Health COVID Meeting Minutes - September 22, 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 7:05 pm
2. There was a discussion of a possible vaccine mandate for faculty and staff at Dover, Sherborn, and D-S Regional Public Schools.
3. The public was invited to comment at the start of the meeting. None in attendance chose to do so at that time.
4. Matt Bevers presented a rationale for instituting the vaccine mandate:
 - Vaccination has proven to be the most effective way of preventing COVID 19
 - A high vaccination rate does not preclude action being taken
 - Studies have shown the safety of the vaccine, with benefits outweighing the risks
5. Matt Vitale stated that the one most important issue driving the mandate was the desire to have schools operate safely without interruption. Therefore, the expectation of vaccination makes sense.
6. Attendees were recognized by the Chair and offered comments:
 - Was there a specific event that precipitated this discussion of a vaccine mandate in the schools?
 - Concerns were expressed regarding a number of potential adverse reactions to the vaccine
7. A motion was made by Dr.Petersen and seconded by Dr. Kruskall to require faculty and staff to be vaccinated against Sars COV-2 with an exemption process in place that would require those that receive an exemption to undergo frequent testing for COVID 19. The motion passed unanimously.
8. At 8:06 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.