

## Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - September 23, 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 9:00 am
2. Professor Clarke announced that the drive thru flu clinic would take place at the highway garage on Tuesday October 5.
3. There was a discussion of when the vaccine may become available for 5-12 year olds. It appears that it may happen toward the end of the year. Those persons who qualify for the vaccine booster may receive it only if they previously had received the pfizer brand vaccine. Crossover is not allowed.
4. Nurse Kaiser reported:
  - There is an increase in cases among all of the communities she serves of unvaccinated school aged children.
  - There have been no school clusters in D/S schools.
  - The schools have added more nursing staff to help support testing, contact tracing, and other ongoing issues.
  - The state is supplying rapid tests to the schools along with the requirement that unvaccinated staff get tested three times weekly.
5. Messaging will continue to advocate for getting a vaccine and adhering to masking and social distancing.
6. The owners of Dunkin' presented the corrective actions they have taken to clean up the dumpster area and follow the mask mandate order. They assured the Board that the dumpster would be checked often and be well maintained in the future. A food inspection has been completed and their permit has been renewed.
7. It was noted by Dr. Petersen that a claim of a medical exemption may or may not be valid and must be examined.
8. Publicity for the October 5 Flu clinic has begun. Professor Clarke will check to see if it can be added to the electronic sign board in the center of town.
9. Dr. Kruskall brought up concerns he had regarding the lack of adequate toilet facilities and access to hot water at the transfer station.

10. Dr. Kruskall updated the Board on plans for the Deer Management Program.
11. Dr. Petersen reported that contract negotiations are underway between the Consultant and the Town Administrator.
12. At 10:55 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.