

Minutes of the Town of Dover Board of Health Meeting - April 23, 2020

Participating in zoom meeting: _____

Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Stephen Kruskall, M.D., member; Kay Petersen, M.D., member

1. Meeting called to order at 10:06 am.
2. A downward trend in the number of cases and deaths reported in the state has not yet materialized.
3. It was reported that patients with non-covid related illnesses appear to be delaying transport calls and are coming into the hospital much sicker than before the pandemic.
4. There was a discussion of whether the use of oximeters by individuals would be helpful. The public may need to be reminded that anytime someone has difficulty breathing: **call 911**.
5. The public health nurse reported that the number of Covid19 cases in Dover has remained the same for the past week and that residents are following isolation and quarantine protocols.
6. The Contract Training Collaborative (CTC) will work with large cities and towns initially to follow up on those positive test cases as requested by the public health nurse.
7. The Dover COA Director reported that the department has received a greater number of calls from seniors demonstrating depression and cognitive decline.
8. 139 relief care packages were delivered by volunteers to seniors courtesy of the Dover Fireman's Relief fund, 40 meals were delivered last week, and 70 are scheduled for the current week.
9. The COA is now holding several programs via zoom.
10. Dr. Peterson reported that the development of a community wide resource committee is progressing.
11. It appears unlikely that camps will open in June. The Board anticipate guidance and/or an executive order from the state.
12. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.

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