

Minutes of the Dover Board of Health Meeting - July 2, 2020

Participating in zoom meeting:

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

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 am
2. Dr. Petersen reported that there has been a change in guidance regarding the travel quarantine advisory for Massachusetts.
3. A staff person from Representative Garlick's staff will follow up on the state's SAPHE Grant Program nonacceptance of a joint application from Dover and Sherborn.
4. Dr. Kruskall stated that more people are socializing and there is a rise in the number of covid-19 cases among 22-40 year olds. He pointed out that it may be more helpful to know what occurred during the last week or so regarding cases than sharing cumulative numbers. Dr. Petersen will change the way information is presented.
5. Sherborn reported that the town is seeking to purchase a large canopy to provide shade for its seniors so they may socialize safely.
6. DPH guidance now calls for anyone who has been exposed to covid-19 getting tested; anyone with covid symptoms should also be tested.
7. Phase 3 is set to begin on Monday July 6: gyms may open, gatherings will allow an increase of up to 25 people; in-person use of material at libraries. There is no change to guidance for construction or camps and masking and social distancing; and safer at home will still be in effect.
8. DPH is requesting that colleges and universities not set up their own contact tracing program once students are back on campus.
9. There was a discussion of possible sanitization methods for schools and other public buildings including chlorination and nanotechnology.
10. Sherborn disclosed that it has already received reimbursement for its first submittal for covid related expenses.
11. Dr. Peterson mentioned that Chris Dwelley is no longer putting out a weekly covid 19 update. She will send any messaging the Board wants to put on the website to Kate

O'Brien. She will also speak with Dave Sullivan about the website and when/how departments will be able to update information on their own webpage.

12. Dr. Kruskall asked that the I/Q protocol be amended to include that the police will escort the public health nurse every time it is requested.
13. The Board agrees that the food scraps container lids at the transfer station may be closed as long as sanitizers are available.
14. Dr. Kruskall requested that Dr. Petersen share responsibility alternatively with him should there be an emergency requiring medical expertise.
15. Dr. Petersen spoke with Kate O'Brien regarding the SOP of June 1, 2020. Concerns were raised regarding space issues and some of the stay at home requirements. The SOP will be reviewed.
16. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm

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