

Meeting Minutes of the Dover Board of Health - July 9, 2020

Participating in zoom meeting:

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

1. Meeting called to order 10:02 am.
2. Dr. Petersen reported that the curve in Massachusetts is flat now and that the state is setting up testing sites in cities and towns with high levels of cases. Anyone can get tested at one of these sites and it's free.
3. It was noted that the number of contact tracers are being scaled back. The public health nurse reiterated that she does all the follow up on Dover cases so it can be done in a timely manner.
4. Alyssa Kaiser, Public Health Nurse, expressed concern that test results were still very delayed. She does provide a test pass to anyone who identifies as having been in contact with someone diagnosed with covid-19 even if the person is asymptomatic. She will reach out to BID Needham to find out if its testing turnaround time is faster and if/how it might be used. It was noted that there is a need to have a plan for placement and transport of patients when discharged from the hospital.
5. The COA director reported that the food pickup drive thru is going well. Masks are still being requested. Some residents have requested in person programs but air flow and room capacity remain issues at the Caryl Community Center. Programs will continue to run virtually for the time being.
6. Some new phase 3 guidelines were announced during the weekly DPH conference call: indoor entertainment venues are allowed up to 40% capacity; outdoor venues may have 8 people per 1000 sq. ft., capped at 100 persons. Only table service is allowed at bars; sports teams may play a single game, tournaments not allowed. Complaints regarding lack of masks and social distancing in municipal buildings must be addressed through the Division of Labor Standards.
7. Dr. Petersen stated that the schools have determined that additional and better quality PPEs will be needed. Nurses may require aides and extra space to isolate students waiting for pickup. Schools were also working on messaging to parents and how to test staff/students quickly.
8. Norwood Hospital is currently closed due to flooding and Natick has resumed the process for closing Leonard Morse Hospital. Norwood has been the second and Natick

the third choice for ambulance transport destination after BID Needham. It was noted that an attempt is made to take people to the hospital of their choice but it is not always possible.

9. A plan was discussed for creating a drive thru flu clinic this year in Dover, perhaps three set times: one for seniors, one for adults, and one for families with young children who would need to be held by their parent.
10. The P&R Director met with the Board to review final plans for the summer program that is to begin next week. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival and all participants must wear masks. Bathrooms will be accessed only in case of emergency. There is a sanitizing plan for the bathrooms. The program will be cancelled on rainy days. If it should begin to rain during the course of the program, participants will wait under canopies until picked up by their parents.
11. Dr. Kruskall questioned if there is a plan for surveillance PCR testing of the counselors. It had not been planned but P&R will consider it.
12. If/when a participant or staff member presents with any suggestive symptoms of Covid-19, or tests positive, or is presumed positive, the Board of Health must be notified immediately. The public health nurse may then be contacted for follow up and would determine when it is safe for that person to return to the program.
13. If there is a sick child in the family, all participants in the program from that family must be home for 72 hours. Dr. Petersen suggested that parents of any sick child should contact their PCP.
14. Dr. Kruskall will reach out to Selectman Bob Springett regarding reimbursement of Covid-19 expenses.
15. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Karen R. Hayett

Documents:

Dover Parks & Recreation Summer Covid-19 Operations Plan

