

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, April 25, 2022
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY – ZOOM meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Rachel Elder, MD
Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R
Gerry Edwards, MD
Sam Barr, DMD
John Endres, DVM – President
Wendy Cary – Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT

Seelan Newton, MD, Medical Director
Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental Health
Shawn Prievo, Director of Administrative Services
Rosanne Lewis, Director of Children with Special Healthcare Needs
Rebecca LaPorte, Director of Community Health
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

Board of Health President Dr. Endres called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

The Board reviewed the March 2022 minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Barr seconded by Supervisor Stepanski, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The record of claims was distributed for review and discussion:

- April invoices are in line with other months – business as usual
- Preschool seems to be caught up

Motion to approve the audit of claims was made by Dr. Meyers, seconded by Dr. Barr, and approved by all

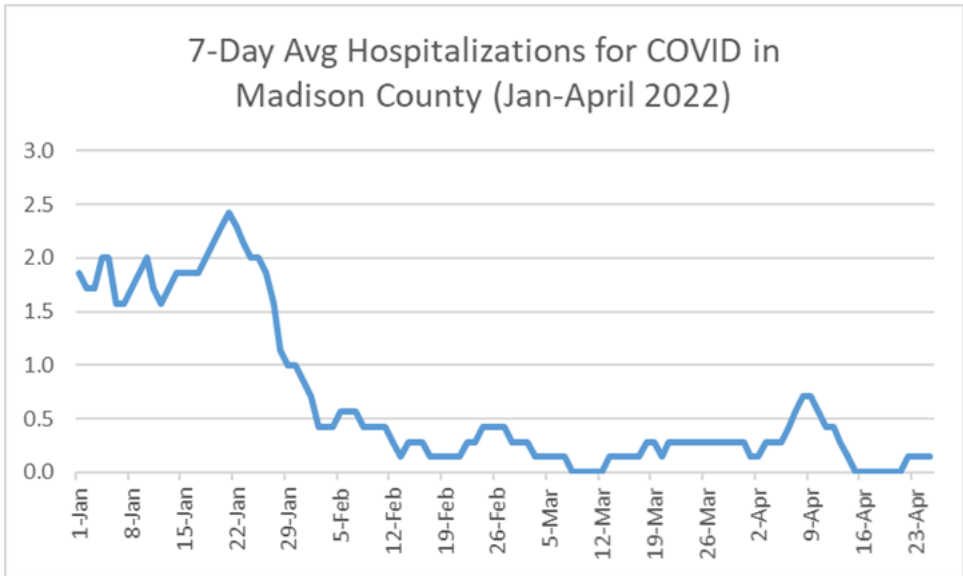
Situation Update – COVID-19

COVID Cases on 4/25/2022

New cases: 39 new today, 40 over the weekend (7-day avg = 36)

Active: 110 – 1 currently hospitalized for COVID-19; 10 long-term care facility residents (none are hospitalized); 1 at the jail

Deaths: 131 (no new)



CDC Level of Community Transmission: HIGH

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

Measure	Current Week	Previous Week	Trend
Rate of New Cases in Past Seven Days per 100,000	305.9	304.5	STABLE
Percent of County Population Completed Vaccination Series	71.2%	71.1%	IMPROVING
Percent of County Population with Booster Vaccination	46.1%	44.9%	IMPROVING
Central New York Region: Average New Hospitalization Rate per 100,000 Pop	2.5	2.5	STABLE
Central New York Region Hospitals: Average Acute Care Beds Available	9.0%	9.0%	STABLE
Central New York Region Hospitals: Average Intensive Care Beds Available	12.0%	11.0%	IMPROVING

As of 4/25/2022

Percent of Breakthrough Cases among Fully Vaccinated Residents

MC = 9.0%* NYS = 9.6%

Percent of Hospitalizations among Fully Vaccinated Residents

MC = 0.19%* NYS = 0.34%

*Madison County data verified thru April 15, 2022

Madison County Hospital Capacity

Average Acute Care Beds Available: 15%

Average ICU Beds Available: 47%

COVID Vaccination

Population with at least 1 dose by Age Group:

	Madison County	Central New York	New York State
5-11	35.4%	36.9%	41.2%
12-17	67.5%	65.9%	77.7%
18-25	60.0%	69.6%	86.6%
26-34	75.4%	73.6%	87.3%
35-44	83.2%	82.1%	93.8%
45-54	78.0%	75.2%	88.1%
55-64	93.3%	89.0%	95.9%
65-74	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%
75+	99.0%	98.0%	93.5%
Total	76.1%	78.7%	90.0%

As of 4/25/2022

- Things are starting to gradually improve
 - Though numbers have seen some increase over the past few weeks – there has not been a surge in hospitalizations
 - Call with hospitals tomorrow will provide further update
- Vaccination rates slowly rising as well
 - 5-11 year old group has the lowest rate, followed by the 18-25 year olds
 - We are planning a concert event to target the 18-25 non-collegiate age group at Good Nature on September 18th. Plan to have 3 bands and will offer vaccinations on site, as well as other health offerings.
 - Theme of the event “Get Your Shot Together” – campaign being put together by Trainor Associates
- No updates on the joint COVID/flu vaccine
- COVID vaccination events at Wampsville update
 - Great turnout at the 4/15 booster event – 75 people vaccinated (mostly Moderna)
 - Last week another clinic saw about 5 or 6 people
 - Vaccine vile size discussed

Reports

- Director’s Report – Eric Faisst
 - The County has received funding for opiates program from a settlement and will be receiving over \$400,000
 - Will be meeting later this week to determine how the funding will be used and where it will go
 - We will be meeting with the Steering Committee for the Community Health Assessment (CHA)/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) this Friday
 - Erica Bird our Quality Improvement Coordinator is working on the CHA/CHIP, and will enlist intern from Upstate MPH program
 - Goal to incorporate the assessment conducted by Mental Health Dept.
 - MH Dept. has a list of Mental Health Providers

- Will be updating substance misuse issue
 - Most current data is from 2018 – though Eric will check with the call center to see if any further data has been received
 - NOTE: Wastewater testing units can monitor for traces of other substances such as opiates and cannabis
 - Due in December – we are well on track
 - Continuing work on the 2020 and 2021 Years in Review
 - Healthy Neighborhood Program
 - Just hired Project Coordinator
 - Initial focus will start in Oneida City
 - We have met with the Mayor who is pleased to assist
 - There are specific goals set for number of visits and revisits
 - We have been in contact with National Healthy Homes Program
 - There is hope to have a part of the program allow us to fix items in homes that we find; currently will be educational purposes first and foremost
 - Working on a strategy to form a Habitat for Humanity branch here
 - Working on determining the things that we can do that are not included in the initial program plan
 - We have monitoring equipment from the Gas Compressor program
 - National Health Rankings
 - Madison County 9th overall
- County Report – Nothing to Report
- City of Oneida – Nothing to Report
- Medical Director’s Report – Dr. Newton
 - Discussion occurred regarding vaccination and booster, variants and hesitancy
 - No further information on further vaccination approval
 - QA meeting today
 - Increase in GI Infestation
- President’s Report
 - Tick Activity is very high
 - Not much positive illness so far
 - Increase in anaplasmosis
 - Discussion occurred regarding ticks and tick-borne illnesses
 - Governor announced work on a Lyme vaccine for humans
 - Discussion occurred regarding hot-spot animal sentinel surveillance

Old Business

- Bylaws
 - Query went out to other counties
 - Many answers depended on chartered/unchartered/powers/taxations/advisory/regulatory
 - Requirements of board composition
 - Discussion occurred regarding terms of Board of Health members, and terms of officers
 - Question asked if there is any area that is not being represented by our board makeup.

- Should we look at bylaws before or after we replace retiring member

New Business

- Dr Barr announced his retirement and subsequent move to Massachusetts in July
 - Dr. Gormley spoke with Dr. Barr and is possibly interested
 - Board of Health members put together a basket of Madison County goods for Dr. Barr
- Discussion occurred regarding future meetings
 - Options posed of all in-person meetings, or all zoom meetings
 - Suggestion made for quarterly or biannually (twice yearly)
- Decision made to have TWO (2) in-person meetings a year – one in spring and one in fall – remaining monthly meetings will be via Zoom.
 - NOTE: Zoom meetings will start at 6:00pm and In-Person meetings will start at 6:30pm in Wampsville

Motion to adjourn made by Marla Velky-Reger, seconded by Dr. Edwards, and approved by all – 8:01pm

Next Meeting May 23, 2022 – via ZOOM

ZOOM link will be delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt