

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, October 26, 2020
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY – ZOOM meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

John Endres, DVM – President

OTHERS PRESENT

Seelan Newton, MD, Medical Director
Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Katie Mungari, Director of Community Health
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental Health
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health
Shawn Prievo, Director of Administrative Services

Wendy Cary called the meeting to order at 6:00pm noting that a quorum had been reached.

The Board reviewed the September 2020 minutes noting no changes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Elder, seconded by Dr. Barr, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The record of claims were distributed for review and discussion.

- Expenses are down quite a bit – due to preschool transportation
- Tuition based agencies did not get bills to us in time – will be off-set next month
- Extra expense due to flu vaccine purchase – did purchase other vaccines to replenish inventory

Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Stepanski, seconded by Dr. Elder, and approved by all.

Situation Update – COVID-19

- 30 active cases; 157 in quarantine; no new deaths
 - 3 new positives today
 - Averaging 4 cases per day
 - Have not had this many active cases since June 6th

- Nothing unique about the cases
 - About 1/3 college
 - Others are community spread
- Press release a week or so ago – seeing more community spread
 - Reminding to keep masks on and be vigilant
 - Encouraging to be even more careful with holidays coming up
- Several positive and several in quarantine at Bridgeland Auto – Bridgeport Auto
 - Shut down for 24 hours for cleaning
 - Operations restricted for the next 2 weeks
 - They are an essential business
- Schools and colleges doing extremely well implementing plans
 - Morrisville isolating positive cases there
 - Colgate and Cazenovia have no active at this time
 - K-12 Schools are doing well
- Submitted an application for Abbott ID Now and Abbott Binax on Friday (October 16) – ID NOW instrument delivered along with 504 test kits; and 1200 Binax rapid kits on Tuesday (October 20)
 - Trainings coming for staff
 - 2 new employees (and an offer to a 3rd) for contact tracing. Once on board and trained, will free up staff for testing activities.
 - Received \$9500 grant from CNY Community Foundation to conduct pool testing
 - Determining logistics and methods along with coordinating rapid and pool testing
- Kari Shanahan, Disease Specialist submitted her resignation, as she will be moving on to be an epidemiologist with the State
 - County allowing us to fill that position immediately
- Department has recently cited 4 business with fines – mixture of employees and/or patrons not wearing masks → released media notification
 - Troyer's Market (Amish market) - Fenner
 - Cone Master Ice Cream - Munnsville
 - Lowes - Oneida
 - Blanding Hardware – Bridgeport
- Use of the state NY COVID Alert app is seemingly limited
- Discussion
 - What are schools doing when student has symptoms and being sent home
 - Dr. Meyers group has policy that when set home students need to be tested and ruled out flu/other illness
 - What are you telling people in contact quarantine about testing and timing of?
 - Cannot test out of quarantine
 - Symptoms develop become PUI and transition to positive after they get tested.
 - They need to call ahead to get tested and notify that they are in quarantine

- Telling people to wait 7 days into their quarantine to test
- Mobile testing sites
 - Cazenovia had 149 tested (capacity 150) – was preceded by press release after positive wastewater detection
 - 1 positive back from that event
 - Next test in Wampsville this Thursday 10/29
 - 11/5 in Hamilton
- Wastewater
 - Hoping to continue in other communities
 - Funding ends in November
- Encourage testing for schools
 - School nurses have received template letter for students returning to school
 - Student/parent refusing to get a test after being sent home from school will be treated as a positive case and steps taken forward as such
- County testing locations are listed on the website – also mobile unit testing sites are every Thursday from 3-7 in a Madison County location
 - By appointment only
 - Wait time is often long – don't leave a message, stay on the line and wait
 - Working on planning inside COVID testing events during cold weather
- Flu clinics
 - County employees done
 - Brookfield and Deruyter have both had flu events
 - Wampsville clinic will be tomorrow inside the health department
- Vaccine will be shipped directly and will have specific cold storage needs
 - Will be in phases and targeted at high priority and risk in phase 1 – with direct interactions with COVID positive individuals
 - Surveys starting to determine more specific needs
 - Will help with directing MCDOH efforts
 - Limited supply at first – it is unknown the amount that will be provided

Reports

- Director's Report covered in COVID update
- County Report – No Report
- City of Oneida – No Report
- Medical Director's Report
 - Weekly surveillance meetings started – 1 positive flu
 - Hepatitis A cases related, due to behavioral spread
- President's Report – No Report

Old Business

- Discussion
 - Face coverings and shields
 - Dr. Barr pointed out a particular .5-1% iodine solution mouth rinse can wipe out oral COVID for a short time – something to consider when seeing patients
 - Dr. Barr will send that information to Eric to share with other Madison County dental providers
 - It is unknown when high dose flu vaccine will be available

New Business

- Maple View Manor Mobile Home Park
 - Situation has existed for a while → Infrastructure deteriorating.
 - Original owner passed away, and daughter took over, but is not interested in upkeep → not making any progress
 - Septic system failure
 - Water system some failure
 - Other major concerns
 - Fined \$3500 +/- with no response
 - Need to start to consider shutting it down
 - This is a harder impact on the residents than the owner
 - Have been in contact with the Town Supervisor – MCDOH are at a point that action needs to be taken
 - 14 occupied mobile homes located there
 - Homes are so old that they don't meet new requirements for moving them
 - No municipalities near that water could be linked to
 - Residents are aware of the issues – many have called numerous times
 - MCDOH will work with other County departments to identify any services or assistance available to them in the event that the park would need to be closed
 - Would require a Board of Health action
 - Contact County Attorney and see what to do next
 - Will follow up at next BOH meeting

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Elder, seconded by Dr. Barr
All in Favor – 7:03pm

***** NOTE: November 2020 meeting will be one week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday*****

Next Meeting Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt