

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Board of Health Advisory Committee was held via teleconference and in-person in the County Board Room, 157 N. Main Street, Suite 203, Edwardsville, IL on January 4, 2022.

**Members Present In-Person:** Loren Hughes, M.D., MaryAnn Niemeyer, Ph.D., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., Paul Malcherek, M.D., Paul Hoover, D.C., and Paul Frohnert, MD., PhD.

**Members Present Via Teleconference:** Raymond Weber, M.D., Jean Schram, M.A., Joy Birk, R. N., B.S.N., and Laura DeLuca, R.N.,

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Toni M. Corona, B.S., L.E.H.P., Director Public Health; Stacey Counton, Office Manager; Mark McGranahan, M.D., FAAP, Medical Consultant; Kurt Prenzler, County Board Chairman; Mick Madison, Judy Kuhn, Matt King, Mike Babcock, Stacey Pace, Erica Conway-Harriss, County Board Members.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The November 2, 2021 minutes were approved as corrected by all Health Advisory Committee Member present.

**Public Comment/Announcements:** Speakers in support of or opposed to the “Resolution Denouncing Vaccine Mandates, Mandatory Testing, Terminations, and Exclusions”: Chantel Chandler – Oppose; Jennifer Sexton- Support; Kathy Ramsey – Support; Byron Hotson – Oppose; Wanda Cerney – Support; Justin Wilkinson – Support; Alison Lamothe – Oppose; Amy Santarelli – Support; Eric Winn – Support; Trisha Stillwell– Support; Brooke Gulledege – Support. Refer to audio for full content.  
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**Public Health Administrator’s Report:** Distributed a written Health Advisory Committee Report for January 4, 2022 which provided a COVID Update. In summary, the entire State of Illinois is in High Transmission (High is >100 cases per 100,000). Madison County Transmission Rate is 555.97 cases per 100,000. Today, 737 cases reported in Madison County; 6,289 cases in December 2021 and 1672 cases January 1-4, 2022.0054.73% of Madison County Population are fully vaccinated. 58,852 boosters administered.

**COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Doses and Clinic Information.** The Illinois Department of Public Health has adopted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation to shorten the booster dose interval from 6 months to 5 months for when people who have received the PfizerBioNTech COVID-19.

Moderna Vaccine available at Madison County Health Department on Mondays and Thursdays. Pediatric and Adult Pfizer Vaccine available at Madison County Health Department on Wednesdays and Fridays. Appointments available at: <https://coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-madcoil.hub.arcgis.com/pages/covid-a0-vaccine-appointment-scheduler>.

Mass Vaccination Clinic (Pfizer and Moderna) will be held at SIUE, Student Fitness Center, 35 Circle Drive, Edwardsville, IL (Park in Lot F), from 9am – 3pm. Appointments are available at <https://events.juware.com/IL-IDPH/foqhb/>. Walk-ins welcome.

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**Contact Tracing.** The Illinois Department of Public Health is using a new text program to alert people about their COVID-19 test results and follow up for contact tracing. The text will direct the person to call (312) 777-1999 or click <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/confirmed-or-possible-covid-19.html>. Starting January 13, 2022, confirmed cases will be traced through the State Contact Tracing Surge Center except for cases aged 65+, or part of an outbreak.

**Quarantine and Isolation Changes.** On December 30, 2021, Illinois Department of Public Health adopted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation to reduce the number of days for isolation and quarantine. The CDC updated its recommendation to decrease isolation for people who test positive from 10 days to 5 days, if they do not have symptoms (may include fever, chills, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, loss of taste and/or smell) but must continue to mask for 5 days after isolation ends. These recommendations apply to all individuals, including those who are unvaccinated or are not boosted even though they are eligible. IDPH said the CDC also recommended reducing quarantine from 10 days to 5 days for those who are in close contact to a COVID-19 case and have no symptoms, but individuals should continue to mask for 5 days after quarantine ends.

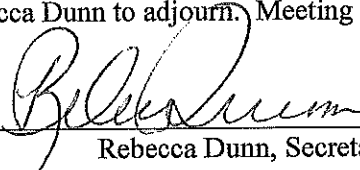
**Dr. McGranahan:** According to a new study by the National Institute of Health, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can spread to the heart and brain within days of infection and can survive for months in organs. The virus can spread to almost every organ system in the body, which could contribute to the ongoing symptoms seen in "long COVID" patients. The results of the study collectively show that while the highest burden of SARS-COV-2 is in the airways and lung, the virus can disseminate early during infection and infect cells throughout the entire body, including widely throughout the brain.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** Resolution Denouncing Vaccine Mandates, Mandatory Testing, Terminations, and Exclusions. Discussion.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**, via GoToMeeting.

A motion was made by Loren Hughes and seconded by Rebecca Dunn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

  
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Rebecca Dunn, Secretary