

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Board of Health Advisory Committee was held via teleconference on November 3, 2020.

Members Present: Dorothy Droste, R. N., B.S.N., Jean Schram, M.A., Morris Kugler, M.D., F.A.C.S., Paul Hoover, D.C., Raymond Weber, M.D., Loren Hughes, M.D., Laura DeLuca, R.N., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., David Yablonsky, DO, and Paul Malcherek, M.D.

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, Rob Henke, IT Personnel.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Ray Weber and seconded by Loren Hughes to approve the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion Approved.

Public Comment/Announcements: Illinois American Water Company is investing approximately 4.5 million dollars to install an ultra violet technology disinfectant in our water treatment plant by the end of this year. Dorothy Droste.

Public Health Administrator's Report: Definitely seeing an increase in cases. Currently we are at 160 deaths (for Madison County) and 8,032 cases.

In process of working out details of trying to distribute Rapid Point of Care Antigen testing to various groups. The federal government has secured a supply of BinaxNOW Antigen Tests. These are point of care tests procured by Federal Government and distributed across the United States. Illinois has received a supply that will be distributed to health departments with the intent for us to distribute to certain congregate settings throughout the county to quickly identify symptomatic individuals with COVID. Specific requirements are in place. Discussion.

Dr. McGranahan: A study by National Center for immunization research and surveillance from New South Wales in Australia reference in-person schooling and transmission rates. Between July 4-September 25, 2020, overall secondary transmission rate among in-person schools and was only .9 % for all their settings. It was highest in high schools at 1.1% and as low as .4 % in their daycares, primary schools at .7%. This is consistent with what the American Pediatrics found with the in-person scoring so far for the second academic year in the United States. It was a nice validation of the relative safety of K-12 education.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made by David Yablonsky and seconded by Loren Hughes to approve the Nominating Committee recommended slate of officers for FY2021: Raymond Weber, M.D. – Chair; Morris Kugler, M.D. – Chair-Elect; and Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D. – Secretary. Motion approved.

COVID Community Safety Recognitions Award: Dr. Hughes reported that he believes the best place for this is at the Chamber of Commerce level. After speaking with some of the Chambers, he believes they will move forward with some sort of acknowledgement.

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New Business: None

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, via GoToMeeting.

A motion was made by Rebecca Dun and seconded by Laura DeLuca to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Rebecca Dunn, Secretary