

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 February 2, 2021.

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

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

The January 5, 2021 minutes were approved by all Health Advisory Committee Members present.

Public Comment/Announcements: Concern about hearing many negative comments about the Safety of the COVID vaccine. Dorothy Droste.

Public Health Administrator's Report: COVID Update – We continue to have cases, fortunately noticed a decline in the cases, but we do still have plenty of contact tracing activity. It is still very important for everyone to be safe and continue wearing the mask and social distancing. Today we completed our last community-testing clinic sponsored by Madison County Health Department and Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation. We have scheduled multiple days throughout the month for Illinois Department of Public Health Pop-up Testing teams to provide COVID testing. All dates are on our website; www.madisonchd.org

Vaccine Update - Over the last month, we have had multiple full clinic days at Gateway Center in Collinsville. Over 3,000 doses administered. To date, we have provided over 15,000 vaccines in Madison County. That includes Health Department and the 5 hospitals we have partnered with. We have gotten through the majority of 1a and we started with 1b last week. We have been able to secure Lewis & Clark Community College Commons, tomorrow is our first full vaccination clinic there. We also secured Gateway Conference Center. We started with Thursdays and recently added Fridays to accommodate second doses and now we are adding Saturdays to accommodate clinics for the Educators. The partnerships we have secured with the vaccination locations and the hospitals have been phenomenal. We will identify more places where people can get vaccine.

Vaccine Registration Survey – we had this open for about 2 weeks and had over 50,000 people respond that they wanted vaccinations. We sorted through and identified about 14,000 people that meet category 1b just in the registry alone. We have about 50,000 to 55,000 people eligible for Phase 1b in Madison County. I put a request in with Illinois Department of Public Health to have the National Guard come in and assist us. With additional teams of vaccinators, we could sustain daily vaccination clinics throughout Madison County. Discussion.

Due to difficulty getting back to our large volume of callers, we are revamping our phone system. This system will allow calls to roll to multiple people and put in ques.

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Appointment scheduling – We have a link on our website, we also arranged for a 3rd party call center to make appointments as they become available to help those who do not have access to internet to use the online appointment scheduler. We will send a link to schedule an appointment as vaccine becomes available.

Madison County COVID Hub launched yesterday. Toni gave a shout out to Amy Yeager, Rebecca Chausse and Information System Department, GIS Dave Parizon for putting this together. Provided an overview and demonstration of the hub to HAC members.

Dr. McGranahan: Discussed a study on the antibody levels after the initial dose of vaccine. It was not broken down by Pfizer or Moderna. For the people that have had a history of confirmed COVID-19 positivity, were significantly more likely to respond. Their antibody titers were approximately 20 times as high as those who never had the infection. The concern was, is it possible to get just one dose of the vaccine. Since that is hitting the press, that is going to be something important for us to educate the public about. As of now, the recommendations have not changed; it still stands at 2 doses. People who have had the infection before have significant side effects after the first vaccine dose. That, in itself, may cause vaccine hesitancy within the public. It is important to educate the public on the expectations ahead of time.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, via GoToMeeting.

A motion was made by Dorothy Droste and seconded by Jean Schram to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Rebecca Dunn, Secretary