

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Board of Health Advisory Committee was held in-person at 157 N. Main Street, Suite 203, Edwardsville, IL on September 6, 2022.

**Members Present:** MaryAnn Niemeyer, Ph.D., Joy Birk, R. N., B.S.N., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., Paul Hoover, D.C., Jennifer Loethen, M.D., and Laura DeLuca, R.N.

**Members Absent:** Paul Frohnert, MD., PhD., Jean Schram, M.A., and Paul Malcherek, M.D.

**Others Present:** Amanda Pruitt, Interim Director Public Health; Stacey Counton, Office Manager; Mark McGranahan, M.D., FAAP, Medical Consultant; Kurt Prenzler, County Board Chairman; Mike Babcock, Health Department Committee Chair.

The meeting was called to order by MaryAnn Niemeyer, Chair at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Rebecca Dunn and seconded by Paul Hoover to approve the June 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion Approved.

**Public Comment/Announcements:** Robin Chomko – referencing the new COVID vaccine, it's a new vaccine, not a booster, it is completely different and is untested. Wants to make sure the health board gives out all the facts to the people. Does not recommend.

Sandy Steen – (email read by MaryAnn Niemeyer) She is not recommending COVID-19 vaccinations or boosters for children or low risk populations.

Chairman Kurt Prenzler – Attended a conference at the Collinsville Gateway Center, speaker Dr. Peter McCullough spoke about excess death issues and how the COVID vaccines just don't work.

Refer to audio for full content:

[https://files1.revize.com/revize/madisoncountyilus/document\\_center/CountyClerk/HealthDepartmentAdvisory/9-6-2022\\_HAC.MP3](https://files1.revize.com/revize/madisoncountyilus/document_center/CountyClerk/HealthDepartmentAdvisory/9-6-2022_HAC.MP3)

**Public Health Administrator's Report:** Monkeypox update: IDPH launched a data visualization map on their website outlining cases by county. The state of IL is reporting 1087 cases for the state, Madison County has investigated 5 cases. Clinical guidance has been shared with healthcare partners, schools, and other groups. Distributing vaccine to priority populations. Planning and implementing a streamlined process for providers to access treatment for patients that are diagnosed with MPV. Continuing prevention messaging: avoid close skin to skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox; avoid contact with materials that a person with monkeypox has used; wash your hands often.

MCHD updates: **Health Services Division.** Participated in back to school immunization and school physical clinics hosted by Granite City School District. We serviced 84 students. School physicals and immunizations continue at our clinic at the health department. **Health Protection Division:** Temporary food event season. 58 events consisting of 186 stands have been inspected to date this year.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Last week FDA authorized and CDC made recommendations for updated COVID-19 vaccine boosters. Updated boosters are bivalent and are formulated to better protect against the most recently circulating COVID variants. There are two types: Moderna 18+ and Pfizer 12+.

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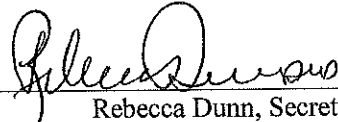
**Dr. McGranahan:** Medical study on “How long do COVID Antibodies Last in Kids vs. Adults?” In children, pre-teens and teens the neutralizing antibodies seem to last about 14-16 months after COVID infection. Now, after time to study this, neutralizing antibodies, even after 14-16 months, they are still 50% effective. For full article:

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/979874?src=wnl\\_tp10\\_daily\\_220905\\_MSCPEDIT&uac=33364AV&impID=4596724#vp\\_1](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/979874?src=wnl_tp10_daily_220905_MSCPEDIT&uac=33364AV&impID=4596724#vp_1)

**New Business:** COVID Discussion. Chairman Prenzler stated that it is his understanding that the US Government has purchased approximately 160 million doses of the new booster (Pfizer and Moderna). Reminder – Some people will be required to get this new booster. Some Colleges are not requiring it, but some are. Continuing concerns that these vaccines are not being tested enough and no one should be forced to get it. It is highly recommended from this committee to have a more detailed informed consent, do your own research on these vaccines, talk to your physician, weigh your risks and benefits prior to deciding on receiving these vaccines. Chairman Prenzler explains that we need a more robust disclaimer for those who want it.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday October 4, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**, 157 N. Main Street, County Board Room, Edwardsville, IL.

A motion was made by Laura DeLuca, and seconded by Rebecca Dunn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Rebecca Dunn, Secretary