

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting

March 2, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Hendricks County Government Center
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room
355 S Washington St.
Danville, IN 46122

The Hendricks County Board of Health met Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Andrew Cougill
Dr. Chrystal Anderson
Mr. Brian Cobb
Mr. David Hardin
Mr. Bruce Dillon (virtual)
Dr. Larry Caskey
Ms. Debra Campbell

Hendricks County Staff in Attendance:

Dr. David Stopperich, Health Officer
Ms. Krista Click, Environmental Health Director
Ms. Kandi Jamison, Director of Public Health Nursing
Ms. Leanna Truitt, Healthy Families Program Manager
Ms. Nicole Oppy, Asst. Director of Public Health Nursing
Ms. Ginger Harrington, Team Lead, Septic
Ms. Sharon Mayer, Environmental Health Secretary
Ms. Lisa Chandler, Team Lead, Food

Board Members/Others Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney
Mr. Larry Hesson, County Council

Determination of a Quorum

Dr. Cougill called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Debi Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2021 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Brian Cobb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Unfinished Business

Covid Updates - Dr. Stopperich provided COVID-19 updates. As of this morning, there were 15,825 total cases in the county with an increase of 17 cases per day which is down from 64 cases per day as of a month ago. The county has had 319 total deaths with only one in the last week which is down from 8-10 deaths per week a month ago. The positivity rate is at 4.6 % down from 10.8% a month ago. The county will move into blue tomorrow, which is the lowest level of community spread. We still must wait another week to change guidance from yellow to blue.

Hospitals as of this morning have 17 in house COVID patients which is down from 61 in house COVID patients a month ago. Four people are presently in ICU which is down from 11 in the county from last month. Dr. Stopperich is still meeting with school representatives regarding questions about prom, sectionals, and graduations. Presently, we are conducting more event planning versus putting out fires. Dr. Stopperich is meeting with long term care facilities via conference calls monthly to make sure they are getting vaccines and are easing indoor restrictions for more visitation which is a facility-by-facility decision. Dr. Cougill asked about vaccination rates in the long-term care facilities regarding staff and residents. Dr. Stopperich responded that the state statistic is 60-70%, but not sure about our county specifically.

Ourshot.in.gov has information about vaccine eligibility and registration. Today the eligibility criteria are 55 years and older with the possibility of age criteria going down to 50 years this week. Mr. David Hardin asked if the grouping will still be by age progression or if it will be prioritized by essential categories. Dr. Stopperich has not heard if there has been a commitment in any other direction.

Dr. Stopperich added that there is updated CDC guidance for international travel. A traveler needs to get a negative test three days before flying back into the United States or if you have had COVID, a note from one's doctor stating that you already have had it. The vaccine does not preclude anyone from getting the test. Returning overseas travelers are to get retested and home quarantine for one week assuming the test is negative. If a traveler does not want to get tested upon arrival to the United States, they are to home quarantine for 10 days.

Healthy Families Update

The part time position has been offered to a candidate who is ready to be hired and trained. Online training modules are being offered at no cost. All training will be virtual, and more training will be available which will increase training opportunities. The department has exceeded statistics. There is still a great deal of need that could be provided for families even though COVID is decreasing. Presently, they are working more with partners such as Children's Bureau. All staff is fully vaccinated. Virtual family visits may become a permanent part of the program. An upcoming site visit with the state will be virtual in April.

Eric Oliver – Commented that he has been contacted by a property owner regarding a septic permit in Lizton-Pittsboro area; however, they need to contact the state.

Adjourn

Ms. Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cobb seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Debra Campbell
C. Anderson

David Hardin

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Brian Cobb

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David M. Stopperich, M.D
Health Officer and Board Secretary
5/4/2021
Date Minutes Approved