



Town of Mansfield
Board of Health
September 2, 2021 Minutes

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve and improve the public health, environment and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.

Present: Antonia Blinn; Chair, Kasia Frenette; Clerk, Michael Healey, Leah Gillespie, Amy Donovan-Palmer; Health Agent

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was called to order at 7:03 by Ms. Blinn.

II. Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Ms. Gillespie.
 - VOTE 4-0 Passes

III. Acceptance of Minutes

June 3, 2021

- Motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2020, made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Ms. Frenette.
 - VOTE 4-0 passes

July 8, 2021

- Motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2021, made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Ms. Frenette.
 - VOTE 4-0 passes

IV. COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 Case Numbers

| <u>June, July, & August of 2020</u> | <u>June, July & August 2021</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 44 total cases | 158 total case |
| Average age - 32.25 | Average age - 34.8 |
| Female 26 cases Male 18 cases | Female 83 cases Male 75 cases |
| Youngest 1 month old | Youngest 4 months |
| Oldest 73 years old | Oldest 91 years old |

- Vaccinations continue to be very good. But case numbers continue to rise
- Schools are implementing Test And Stay which will keep kids in school rather than quarantining.

V. Mask Mandate

- Presentation given in regards to use of masks. Please see attached copy of prestatation.

Mask Mandate Discussion

- Much discussion was done in regards to issuing a mask mandate.
- A multi layered approach must continue - stressing hand washing, social distance, remind people not to touch faces, wear mask properly

- Wearing a mask offers more protection than not wearing one
- Work with local businesses to support wearing masks
- Discussion continued to identify a measurable number that would be the basis for issuing a mask mandate.
- Public Meeting was introduced to educate and answer questions that the community may have in regards to covid-19
- At this time the BOH decided to revisit this issue with a review of case numbers and assess if there is need to instate a mask mandate in 2 weeks. This process will continue as long as COVID-19 cases continue to rise.
- A motion was made to require face coverings in all persons 2 years and older in all municipal buildings under the direction of the Town Manager. To be reviewed every meeting by the BOH or sooner if necessary.
 - VOTE - 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 absent

→ By Leah Gillespie and Kasia Frenette

Motion Passes

VI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 9:21pm made by Ms. Frenette, 2nd by Ms. Gillespie.
VOTE 4-0 PASSED

Kasia Frenette
Clerk

10/7/21
Date