

Town of Mansfield
Board of Health
September 30, 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, Graham Wilson, Amy Donovan-Palmer; Health Agent

The meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Antonia Blinn.

I. COVID-19 Update

Presentation given by Ms. Donovan-Palmer please refer to the attached slide show.

- Average 14 cases per day.
- 13 cases per 100,000
- 3.12 cases every day
- Percent Positivity Rate - 2.42%
- Number of COVID-19 tests in the past week - 1986
- COVID-19 spike in July was due to the Delta Variant
- Illness due to breakthrough is going up
 - 41% breakthrough in September
- Those under 12 years of age are increasing as well due to being too young to vaccinate
- Delta Variant spreads to an average of 6-8 people per case
- Press release from CDC states that ***Studies Show More COVID-19 Cases in Areas Without School Masking Policies***, see attached

III. Public Comments

Letter received from Lisa Cannon, MD Pediatrician from Westwood/Mansfield Pediatrics in support of wearing face coverings in public spaces. Please see attached letter.

IV. BOH Public Health Education Campaign

- Campaign to start 10/1/21
- Press release to come out
- 5 Areas to Focus on:
 1. Encourage residents to wear masks
 2. Encourage residents to get vaccinated
 3. Make the public aware of HEALTHBEAT a podcast
 4. Encourage public to tune into HEALTHBEAT
 5. Inform residents of the resources that the Health Department offers.

V. Feedback Received after Municipal Facilities Mask Order

Please see attached emails.

VI. BOH Discussion on Mandating Face Coverings at Indoor Public Locations

Much discussion resulted. Motion was amended from Section 104 to 122.

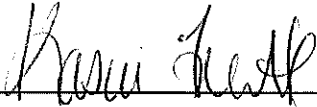
- **MOTION - made by Kasia Frenette under General Law - Part I, Title XVI, Chapter 111, Section 122 to instate a mask mandate in indoor public spaces to begin 10/12/21 when CDC Community Transmission Risk Level is High or Substantial to be reviewed at monthly meetings or sooner if necessary. Motion 2nd by Mr. Wilson.**

VOTE 2-2 DOES NOT PASS

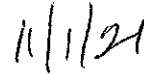
VII. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn at 8:06pm made by Mr. Healey, 2nd by Mr. Wilson.**

VOTE 4-0 PASSED



Clerk



Date