

Town of Wellesley  
Board of Health Meeting (online remote)  
NOTES  
Thursday, September 8, 2022, 9:00 AM

**PRESENT**

**Board:**

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair  
Marcia Testa Simonson, MPH, PhD, Vice Chair  
Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary  
Carol Hannenberg, MD, Associate Member

**Staff:**

Lenny Izzo, Health Department Director  
Cheryl Lefman, MA, Community Health Coordinator  
Ann Marie McCauley, RN, Public Health Nursing Supervisor  
Jhana Wallace, Community Health Coordinator

**In attendance:**

Christina Dougherty, Advisory Committee Liaison  
Shira Doron, MD, Resident  
Beth Sullivan-Woods, Secretary, Wellesley Select Board

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am.

1. Citizen Speak: No citizens asked to speak  
Any individual addressing the Board during Citizen Speak shall be limited to two minutes. Please email [ddokugardner@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:ddokugardner@wellesleyma.gov) to participate in Citizen Speak or to observe the meeting live and joining instructions will be sent.
2. Chairman's Report
  - a. Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/11/22 and 8/18/22. Ms. Oliver Grape seconded the motion. Ms. Testa Simonson voted yay. The motion passed.
3. Director's Report
  - a. Mr. Izzo discussed the COVID information hub on the Town of Wellesley website homepage. The Board determined that the hub could be removed and information on COVID will be housed on the Health Department webpage as the

Health Department is a trusted source for COVID-related information. Links will include the wastewater data, the MA COVID 19 Dashboard, The MDPH COVID information hub, and the CDC COVID hub.

- b. Mr. Izzo discussed the COVID test inventory at the Health Department and plans for test disbursement (including schools, businesses, Council On Aging, and town departments). The Health Department will receive more tests from MDPH, and the Health Department will investigate additional methods of distribution.

#### 4. Community Health

##### a. Nurse Report

- COVID 19 Update: Ms. McCauley reported the COVID numbers are steady and the positivity rate is below 3%. Ms. McCauley reported that PCR testing is now used primarily for hospital procedures only. Dr. Doron reported that wastewater shows a plateau of cases.
  - COLLEGES: Ms. McCauley reported that with colleges back in session numbers have risen to around 5/day (from 2-3) this past week but this increase is expected. Mr. Izzo reported that colleges are not using PCR tests, and many are not requiring any testing. Testing, masking and vaccine policies vary by campus. Colleges also have cleaning and air filtration protocols. Mr. Izzo reported that colleges have plans in place for Monkeypox.
  - COVID BOOSTER: Ms. McCauley reported that the Health Department has 100 doses of the new bivalent COVID booster. Boosters will likely be delivered with flu shots at upcoming clinics.
  - SCHOOLS: WPS are following DESE guidelines for COVID.
- b. VAPING: Dr. Hannenberg reported about the federal vaping settlement. Mr. Cohen discussed vaping at the high school. Mr. Izzo shared that the Health Department does not have access to the MetroWest Youth Health Survey to assess vaping and other health issues but the WPS will share the survey data once the School Committee votes to approve dissemination. The Health Department has discussed another vaping presentation with Lauren Lele from NWH.

#### 5. Environmental Health

- a. BIOLABS: Mr. Cohen inquired about regulations for biolabs. Mr. Izzo reported that the Department is in planning discussions to draft regulations.

- b. SUMMER CAMP: Mr. Cohen inquired about health and safety violations found at summer camps. The Department will discuss compiling common violations and suggested compliance measures to share with camp programs prior to the next summer season.
  - c. WEST NILE/MOSQUITO CONTROL: Mr. Izzo updated the Board on one positive pool report for West Nile exposure in Wellesley. Mr. Izzo also reported that Wellesley is currently designated as moderate- high risk but will drop significantly when it gets cool. Mr. Izzo reported that Wellesley is part of a regional mosquito control program.
6. Administration
- a. Ms. Sullivan Woods reported that the Council on Aging (COA) is discussing removing a mask and vaccine mandate and may request insight from the Health Department. Ms. Sullivan-Woods also reported on progress for the new kitchen at the COA.
  - b. Mr. Izzo reported that the Health Department office expansion is continuing to progress.
  - c. Ms. Oliver Grape requested that school safety be a future agenda item for the Board of Health.

The next meeting will be Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00am-10:00am

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jhana Wallace, Community Health Coordinator