

## Emergency Menard County Board of Health Meeting – 6/24/20

### Attendance:

Dara Worthington  
Allen Anderson

### Board of Health:

Dave Bagot  
Dr. Hartman  
Brienne Satorius  
Diane Markley  
JD Stewart

### Health Department

Director Gail O'Neill  
Assistant Director Bill Dart

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of May 20 meeting - minutes approved by roll call vote.

III. Director O'Neill discussed status of latest test results and positive cases. Assistant Director Dart presented on educational visit to Sunny Acres NF. The site visit team consisted of Dr. Sundareshan, Assistant Director, and MAs doing data collection and interviewing. Discussed status of policies at Sunny Acres. Sunny Acres had completed full round of testing with no positives. One concern included test kit supplies. Cohorting plans were solid with plans for temporary walls to be placed. Visiting had been limited to closed door windows and were planning to do outside visits with appropriate separation including plexiglass or some physical barriers. Heritage Enterprises corporate is a great resource. Cohorting involves isolating positive cases, grouping suspected residents that may have been exposed for testing and keeping those with no suspected exposure in other areas; staffing also need to be assigned accordingly. During the meeting, Member Stewart confirmed that outside visits at Sunny Acres would be starting 6/25.

Issues with respect to enforcement difficulties were presented. In the community, masking and social distancing seem to be falling off. Enforcement most probable by impacting liquor or gaming licenses; those could be put in jeopardy. If there were a COVID-19 positive person causing imminent danger then the HD can take strong action. The HD is limited to instances of imminent danger such as having positive cases report to work. The HD does provide consultations on cleaning protocols and answers other questions.

Surges of cases in other states causing significant concerns. While travel restrictions have not been placed, people are expected to self-monitor for symptoms when they return. Discussed

people using precautions when traveling and upon return, including considering testing.

The group reviewed the testing and testing reports. Anti-body testing is still not widely available although some of this is done in hopes of using anti-bodies for key treatments of hospitalized and severely ill patients. Donating blood is also sorely needed. Local testing situation was also discussed.

Director discussed submitting grant application on behalf of Menard HD. Status of application is not known. If a testing machine is purchased then the specifications for the lab and certifications will need to be sorted out. The test machines being looked at however, are considered "waived" tests. We will work with physician consultants to assure all requirements are met. The changing grant guidance and new information on allowable costs from the state was also presented by HD staff.

The status of Phase 4 metrics was reviewed by the group. Positivity rate and hospital utilization were identified as the main drivers for possible roll back to Phase 3. Concerns were raised about school plans and need to maintain safety. Prospects for school sports was also broached generally.

IV. No unfinished business.

V. No new business

VI. Chair Bagot and Director O'Neill will confer on the next meeting.

VII. There was no public comment.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.