



**Community COVID-19 Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2021**

*This meeting was held via Zoom.*

**1. Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.

Members present: Robert Whitelaw, Chair  
Rick Barber  
Kent Bridges  
Rebecca Fox  
Charley LaFlamme  
Alice Pearce  
Terry Ann Lunt  
Buzzy Roy  
Pamela Sawyer

Others present: Lt. Matt Buttrick  
Erich Fogg, PA, York Hospital  
Rebecca Boulos, Executive Director, Maine Public Health  
Assoc.

**2. Minutes**

There were no minutes available for review and approval.

**3. CDC Update**

**Charley LaFlamme**

- Numbers are trending downward.
- Since the last meeting, there have only been 3,713 more cases and 79 more deaths.
- Still the second highest county with cases.
- Currently at 432.9 cases per 10,000, which is higher than Cumberland County at 402.1. Androscoggin County is also higher than Cumberland County at 420.8.

- Piscataquis County continues to be the lowest in Maine, at 140.5 per 10,000 of population.
- Wells has had 392 cases, Cape Neddick 92 and Ogunquit is somewhere between 50-99.
- The higher population town/city in York County are Biddeford (1,191 cases) and Sanford (952 cases).
- If a person is 70 years old +, then are eligible for vaccine.

#### **Erich Fogg, PA, York Hospital**

- As the second largest population county in the state, there seem to be a low number of vaccine allocated to York County.
- The plan for York County is a mega-site in Sanford.
- Vetting a vaccine site is harder than think with the IT infrastructure that is needed. Also parking, accessibility play into it.
- York Hospital settled on St. Christopher's Church Parish Hall in York.
- Have been receiving about 800 vaccines per week. Will be there Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm until August.
- The goal is 500 per day.
- Have vaccinated 78% of York Hospital employees.
- The UK Variant has been detected in Franklin County.

#### **Comments/questions:**

- Charley LaFlamme
- Rebecca Fox
- Bobby Franklin
- Bob Whitelaw

#### **4. Maine Public Health Association**

Rebecca Boulos, Executive Director, Maine Public Health Association, was in attendance.

This group is not affiliated with Maine CDC, are a professional organization for people who work in public health, students...is a membership-based organization.

There are other community task forces across the state that were formed, and they have asked these groups to be part of the mailing list. The MPHA has meetings every other Friday with the other task forces. This is an opportunity for them to come together to talk about what working on, trouble shoot, best practices, share resources, develop signage and how to help EMS or local hospital with vaccine response. How to do outreach to rural or home-bound residents.

This Friday will be having Dr. Letourneau from DHHS to talk about the vaccine efforts at the State.

Invited all to come attend the meetings.

**Comments/questions:**

- Pamela Sawyer
- Bob Whitelaw
- Terry Ann Lunt
- Rebecca Fox

**5. Vaccine Report**

**Lt. Matt Buttrick**

- St. Christopher's Church in York have started doing vaccines as of Monday.
- Yesterday afternoon, Walmart came online (Biddeford and Sanford).
- Maine Health is getting online and energized, people are starting to get phone calls about scheduling appointments.
- The Town of Ogunquit is helping staff the York vaccination clinic. This week provided a Police Officer for parking control/assistance and whatever assistance is needed.
- Next week will be law enforcement as well. The Town is working on making a commitment to that clinic for the duration, through August at this point with a staff person to help do vaccinations. The Fire Department has a volunteer who has the qualifications/certifications needed to administer vaccinations. Will be assigning Sandy Mait at that site. Sandy is also a CSO who works for the Police Department. She will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of September at least. If there is a need beyond that, will work to help them out.
- Will be giving the first ride on February 11<sup>th</sup> to the vaccination clinic for someone that does not have transportation.

**Comments/questions:**

- Pamela Sawyer
- Terry Ann Lunt
- Janice

**6. Review of Recent Citizen Contact**

**Rick Barber**

- Received one from a person who is from another state who has a second home in Maine.

7. **Old Business**

- Review Select Board Response to the Business Recommendation

Chair Whitelaw read the prepared statement/recommendation at the Select Board meeting.

Alice Pearce stated that the Select Board was in support of the recommendation for outside sales and outside dining on privately owned property. Town Manager Finnigan is working along with the Chamber, to put together a "Waiver Application" for businesses to organize the process.

- Communication Working Group

Pamela Sawyer stated that keep updating the website constantly. As soon as vaccination sites come online, will update with that information.

Also suggested information regarding the Waiver be added to the website.

Terry Ann Lunt thanked Lt. Buttrick for the work he had done on the creation of the website for the Task Force.

**Comments/questions:**

- Rebecca Fox

8. **New Business**

**Chair Whitelaw**

- Should the Task Force go to the Select Board with a Budget Request?

**Comments/questions:**

- Pamela Sawyer
- Lt. Buttrick
- David Riccio
- Buzzy Roy
- Rebecca Fox
- Terry Ann Lunt
- Kent Bridges

Pamela Sawyer, with the assistance of Kent Bridges, Terry Ann Lunt and Lt. Buttrick will develop a budget based on needs (i.e. website, education, communication, transportation, PPE, etc.). Once the budget has been determined,

then the "finance committee" will share the funding recommendation the rest of the Task Force.

**Terry Ann Lunt**

- Would like to have a conversation about full school reopening, what are the concerns of the Task Force, the CDC recommendations about schools and whether there is anything that the Task Force should recommend, advise or should be communicating with the W-OCSD.

**Comments/questions:**

- Rebecca Fox
- Lt. Buttrick
- Terry Ann Lunt
- Charley LaFlamme

Terry Ann Lunt and Charley LaFlamme volunteered to look into this issue.

**9. Public Comment**

**Comments/questions:**

There were no comments or questions from the public.

**10. Call for Motions and Recommendations to the Select Board**

There were no motions or recommendations to the Select Board.

**11. Adjourn**

Motion made by Charley LaFlamme and second by Rick Barber to adjourn the meeting at 5:51pm; unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Emery, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager