



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

This meeting was conducted remotely 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
Pamela Sawyer
Buzzy Roy

Members Absent: Terry Ann Lunt

Others present: Lt. Matt Buttrick, Ogunquit Police Department
Erich Fogg, PA, York Hospital
Town Manger Patricia Finnigan

2. Minutes

Motion made by Charley LaFlamme and second by Pamela Sawyer to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2021 as amended; approved 8-0, Lunt absent.

3. CDC Update

Charley LaFlamme

- In York County the percentages for the first shot is at 18.34% and the second shot (if required) is at 9.60%.
- In Cumberland County the percentages for the first shot is at 23.5%, and the second shot (if required) is at 14.4%.

- State-wide have had 46,254 cases, 723 deaths, 1,583 hospitalizations and the cases per 10,000 is at 345.6 for the entire state.
- Cumberland and York counties are the highest population counties and have the highest percentages.
- Cumberland County is at 443.6 cases per 10,000 and York County is at 475.9 cases per 10,000.
- The county with the least number of cases is Piscataquis with only 339 cases throughout the entire pandemic; one death and 16 hospitalizations. At 201.8 cases per 10,000.
- Ogunquit remains at 50-99 cases.
- Cape Neddick is at 102 cases.

Erich Fogg, PA, York Hospital

- York County is lagging behind Cumberland County who has 8-9 mega sites for vaccinations.
- Sanford mega site only opened last week and are starting to ramp up.
- This is the first week at St. Christopher's that are giving second vaccination shots.
- York Hospital - no patients in the hospital as of today with COVID-19, did have two last week.
- The new hours for the test site are 8:00am to 1:00pm due to 75% drop in test demands.
- At the vaccination site today, 380 shots were administered, the goal was 400-500.
- There are now three (3) vaccines on the market now with the inclusion of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in addition to the Pfizer and Moderna.

Comments/questions:

- Pamela Sawyer
- Neil DeLuca
- Rebecca Fox
- Charley LaFlamme

Chair Whitelaw, in appreciation of all that Erich has done for the Town of Ogunquit, presented a gift certificate to Old Marsh Country Club on behalf of the COVID-19 Task Force, the Ogunquit Police Department and the Ogunquit Town Manager.

4. Vaccine Report

Lt. Matt Buttrick

- Stated that Erich Fogg covered quite a bit of the information.

- The Sanford Vaccination Clinic is online and ramping up their numbers. The goal is to get to 1,000 shots per day. Open every day of the week except Tuesday.
- Have given rides to several residents with transportation concerns for vaccinations and continue to offer rides to anyone who needs one who is a resident of the Town of Ogunquit.
- The State of Maine, through DHHS, has started to offer rides to anyone state-wide who has a transportation issue. This information has been posted on the Police Department Facebook® page and the COVID-19 Task Force web page.
- Spreadsheet that was put together by Neil DeLuca, which has a very comprehensive list of resources, is also on the COVID-19 Task Force web page.
- The Town is staffing the York site five days a week with a vaccinator. Were able to do this with the work of David Riccio who put together the paperwork and Memorandum of Understanding with York Hospital. This will allow for reimbursement through FEMA. The money that is spent for this person is fully reimbursable through FEMA.
- The new eligibility guidelines are for people 60+, teachers and school employees, childcare providers and preschool staff.

Comments/questions:

- Pamela Sawyer
- Charley LaFlamme
- Rebecca Fox

5. Review of Recent Citizen Contact

- Received query about a rentals.

6. Old Business

a. Wastewater Study Results

Chair Whitelaw shared the results of the most recent Wastewater Test Samples.

Comments/questions:

- Rebecca Fox
- Kent Bridges

Ogunquit Wastewater Test Samples SARS-CoV-2 Biomarker Results Summary
 Report Date: March 17, 2021; Sampled March 15, 2021
 Prepared by Aaron Kearnan, reviewed by Paula Mouser, P.E., PhD

Dates Sampled for this Monitoring Period:

Monday, February 22, 2021
Monday, March 1, 2021
Monday, March 8, 2021
* Monday, March 15, 2021

*New samples since last report

Method: The samples were preprocessed and extracted using a solids separation, Na-PEG precipitation, QiaCube extraction approach. Two viral markers (N1 and N2) and one human biomarker (RP) were quantified via Bio-Rad QX200 ddPCR.

Results: We detected both the SARS-CoV-2 N1 and N2 viral biomarkers above our detection limit (LOD=182 copies/100 ml) on 03/15/21. The RP gene was not detected for this sampling event (Figure 1 and Table 1).

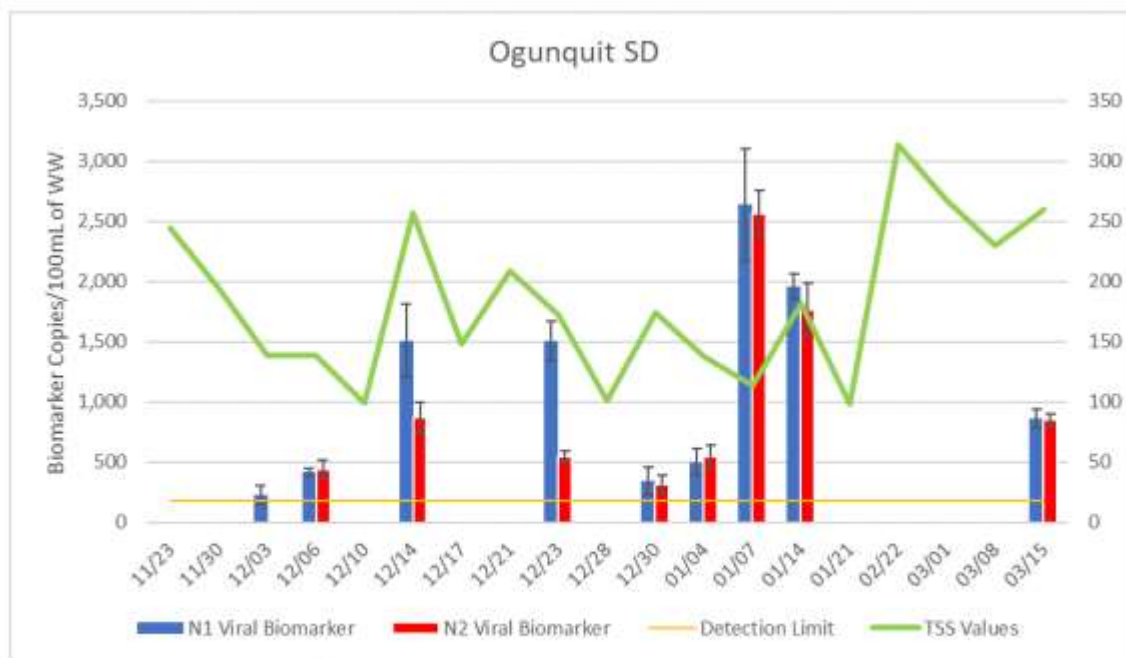


Figure 1: Temporal trends for Ogunquit SD overlain with TSS data.

Table 1: Sample IDs and biomarker results for Ogunquit grab sampling. "BDL" represents values below the limit of detection (LOD) which represents the instrument quantification detection limit of 182 copies/100 ml wastewater. *Human RP gene below detection limit.

Sample Date	Ogunquit SD	
	N1 copies/100mL	N2 copies/100mL
11/23/2020	*BDL	*BDL
11/30/2020	*BDL	*BDL
12/3/2020	228	*BDL
12/6/2020	418	437
12/10/2020	*BDL	*BDL
12/14/2020	1512	873
12/17/2020	*BDL	*BDL
12/21/2020	BDL	BDL
12/23/2020	1505	544
12/28/2020	*BDL	*BDL
12/30/2020	*347	*315
1/4/2021	*503	*544
1/7/2021	*2639	*2569
1/14/2021	*1962	*1771
1/21/2021	*BDL	*BDL
2/22/2021	*BDL	*BDL
3/1/2021	*BDL	*BDL
3/8/2021	*BDL	*BDL
3/15/2021	*865	*851

We are tracking the viral biomarker trends in conjunction with COVID-19 infections reported through the state of Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/data.shtml>). As of its last report, Ogunquit reported 50-99 cumulative infections to date (Table 2).

Table 2: Cumulative case numbers for the town of Ogunquit and York County.

Ogunquit	50-99 cases as of 03/07/21
York County	10,065 cases as of 03/16/21

b. Beaches and Amenities

Town Manager Finnigan was present for this agenda item.

Rebecca Fox

- Creation of another ramp on the other side of the canopy and path around Norseman Resort. Town Manager Finnigan stated that the ramp and path would have to go through permitting and would not be ready for opening of the season.
- Asked about publicity regarding high tides and that it is "one beach with three access points". Town Manager Finnigan stated that will coordinate

with the Chamber; and with the electronic message boards the information will get out there. Also have "Code Red" which will allow information to be broadcast in real time.

- Asked about Police Officers and CSO at the beach and Marginal Way. Town Manager Finnigan stated that Chief Arnaudin is very concerned about hiring as much staff as possible, will hire as many people to work as have funding for.
- Commented about beach capacity and closing of parking lots.
- Commented on the availability of water/water dispenser at North Beach.

Chair Whitelaw asked about whether the Task Force should be involved in the town/Chamber events that may occur during this season. Town Manager Finnigan stated that all assistance from the Task Force would be needed and appreciated.

Kent Bridges stated that the Playhouse is working very hard to pull together a season under the guidelines that were issued by the State of Maine. It will be a later start than normal.

7. **New Business**

There was no new business.

8. **Public Comment**

There were no comments or questions from the public.

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

There were no recommendations or motions to present to the Select Board.

10. **Adjourn**

Motion made by Rick Barber and second by Pamela Sawyer to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm; unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Emery, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager