



# Monroe County Health Department

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## MINUTES OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING March 3, 2022

**In Attendance:** Carol Litten Touloukian, M.D.; Stephen Pritchard, D.D.S.; Kay Leach, R.N.; Robert Wrenn, M.D.; George Hegeman, Ph.D.; Ashley Cranor, M.P.H.; Mark Norrell, FACHE, HFA

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:31 PM by Board Chairperson, Carol Touloukian.
- II. **Approval of February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes:** Kay Leach moved to accept the minutes as written. George Hegeman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Public Health Reports:**
  - **IU – Kirk White:** Mr. White began by sharing that IU had a Covid-19 case count of 29 last week. Masking on campus will be moving to optional following the MCHD regulation being rescinded. IU will continue contact tracing along with their quarantine and isolation facility. IU will be watching closely on what will happen after spring break.
  - **Administration – Penny Caudill:** Ms. Caudill started by sharing information regarding House Bill 1245 (septic) which is likely to pass. The Public Health Clinic (PHC) is continuing to see a drop in Covid-19 Vaccination appointments. It was noted that the PHC is noticing more people coming in for their first dose of the vaccine.
    - **COVID-19 Updates:** Penny shared that the community transmission indicators are very good right now, there has been a lot of improvement since last meeting. Monroe County is at a yellow level on the 2-score metric map. She shared testing/vaccine site updates for the county. Penny stated that the current health regulation stats have been met, fewer than 50 cases per 100,000 people. The county is not at a high level of transmission and it would be appropriate for the county to move to recommendations. Schools should continue to work with IDOH, MCHD, and the CDC. They should be following the CDC guidelines.



#### IV. **Old/Continuing Business:**

- **Regulation Review:** Penny shared that it was an expectation that Governor Holcomb would extend his executive order due to legislation. If he extends it, the Board of Health would have the authority to continue the mandate. If Board of Health wants to move to recommendations, they can discuss and choose an expiration date.
  - Each member of the Board gave their thoughts on moving to recommendations versus continuing the regulation. All seven members were in agreement to move to recommendations. It was discussed to expire the current local health regulation at 11:59 PM on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

George Hegeman made a motion to move to recommendations of masking and other measures. Bob Wrenn seconded that. The motion passed unanimously.

#### V. **New Business:**

- **Approval of Recommendations**
  - Penny shared the recommendations with the Board and the Public. The Board discussed the recommendation presented and agreed with all of them; they do want to continue to keep track of numbers as the county moves to recommendations.

Stephen Pritchard made a motion to adopt the COVID-19 recommendations regarding mask wearing and other preventative measures in Monroe County as written. It will replace the regulation. Ashley Cranor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. **Public Comment:**

- Three members of the public spoke and shared their disagreement with the local health regulation. One member of the public spoke regarding the Governor's executive order. One member of the public asked questions regarding the City of Bloomington's wastewater Covid-19 testing.

#### VII. **New Business:** None

#### VIII. **Next Meeting and Adjournment:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 4:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas W. Sharp, M.D., Monroe County Health Officer

