

Emergency Menard County Board of Health Meeting – 05/19/2021

Attendance:

Board of Health:

Dr. Hartman
JD Stewart
Dr. Brian Miller
Brienne Satorius
Dave Bagot – at 6:25 p.m.

Guests:

None

Health Department

Director Gail O'Neill
Assistant Director Bill Dart

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at about 6:05 p.m. with a roll call vote. With four members answering the roll call, a quorum was established.

II. Approval of minutes: On a roll call vote, the April 14, 2021 minutes were approved with four voting aye.

III. Latest developments

COVID-19

PORTA vaccination clinic rescheduled to June 11th, Greenview will have a clinic on June 9th. The vaccination clinics are focused on kids 12 years of age and older, but anyone can get their COVID shot. Both Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are taken to the sites.

Menard seems to be doing well with vaccinations, right now at 36.74% vaccinated. For those 65 years of age and older the vaccination rate is at 86.5%.

Data regarding COVID positive cases from Salesforce was emailed to members, see attached. Some of the positive cases did have the variant type. Dr. Miller provided information about variants.

Los Rancheros - was closed for one day, due to not having licensed food handlers on site and cleaning issues. Ownership does not appear to be providing enough support to the local manager. Hopefully this action will motivate them to provide more managers. We will continue to monitor them.

IV. Unfinished Business

Billboards are in the process of being put up in Menard County, one in Athens is already up.

It was discussed that there needed to be more personal stories out in the community of people that had COVID in order to sway people to get vaccinated. Dr. Hartman and Dave Bagot are members of the Rotary and discussed ideas about how to encourage people who are hesitant to take the vaccine. They know people who had been hospitalized and thought it may help to have them tell their story. Doctors and nurse practitioners have been asked by Dave to participate also. Gail will get an author to contact Dave about those who want to be interviewed rather than to write their own story. Weekly stories are the goal.

V. New Business: None

VI. Next meeting date is June 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

VII. Public comment: There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm with unanimous vote of 5 members.