



TOWN OF NORTH READING
Massachusetts

Board of Health

**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2021
Teleconference/Virtual**

Members Present: Gary Hunt, Chairman
Karen Martin
Pam Vath

Others Present:

Robert Bracey, Health Agent	Stephanie Connolly
Donna Hovey, Public Health Nurse	Vincenzo Stuto
Justin Araniz	Joanna IPad
Al Pereira	Call in user 1
Brain	Amy Dichiara
Mr. Gilleberto	Angela M
Jon W	Kate Mahoney
IPad 9	Seabass
Maureen Doherty	NRHS

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9:00 AM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

Minutes

Public Comment:

New Business:

Public Health Nurse Report:

As of 5/28/2021, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has notified the Town of North Reading of 1296 cases of COVID-19 in North Reading. 1284 cases have recovered, and the Health Department continues to monitor 8 cases. 24 Documented COVID deaths, 20 respiratory deaths making the total deaths 44 in North Reading.

Health Director Report:

- Town of North Reading Population – 16,656

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- Town of North Reading residents receiving at least one dose of COVID 19 Vaccination -9,983
- Town of North Reading residents with at least one dose per capita – 60%
- Residents who are fully vaccinated -8, 201
- Town of North Reading residents fully vaccinated per capita – 49%
- Residents by age receiving one vaccination:
 - Ages 12-15 2%
 - Ages 16-19 -5%
 - Ages 20-29 -11%
 - Ages 30-49 -28%
 - Ages 50-64 -30%
 - Ages 65-74 -14%
 - 75 and older 10%
- Residents by age fully vaccinated:
 - Ages 12-15 *
 - Ages 16-19 -4%
 - Ages 20-29 -10%
 - Ages 30-49 -27%
 - Ages 50-64 -33%
 - Ages 65-74 -16%
 - 75 and older 10%

The community of North Reading has not yet gained full herd immunity to COVID 19 virus. Mr. Bracey is working on a public health advisory and recommendations to the North Reading residential and business community to continue to be vigilant and protect yourself, your family, and your community against the COVID 19 Virus.

COVID- 19 Board of Health Orders:

Mr. Hunt opened the floor to the Board members to discuss if the Board should rescind, amend, reinstate at a later date or leave the Board of Health Orders in place with a date to terminate. Pam is comfortable complying with what the Governor is planning as of May 29, 2021. Pam has also stated that the Orders could be reinstated if needed. Karen raised the question of how would we enforce the Orders. Karen also agreed that a PSA would be a good idea and said that the Governor is not lifting the State of Emergency until June 15, 2021, so North Reading could follow suit with that. Gary also thinks that we should match the Governors actions at this time. If

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there is a need for the Orders to be reinstated or amended the Board can reevaluate at the next Board of Health meeting on 6/15/2021.

Karen Martin motioned to rescind the Board of Health Orders to align with the Governors Orders effective May 29, 2021. These Orders include the Board of Health Order dated April 18, 2020, The Board of Health Order dated April 25, 2020 and the Board of Health Order dated June 11, 2020.

Motion seconded by Pam Vath

All members voted unanimously in favor.

- **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH DATED APRIL 18, 2020** - DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE TOWN OF NORTH READING TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT OTHERS FROM THE SPREAD OF COVID-19-FACIAL COVERINGS.
- **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH DATED APRIL 25, 2020** - DIRECTING ALL LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES AND NURSING HOMES IN THE TOWN OF NORTH READING TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT OTHERS FROM THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.
- **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH DATED JUNE 11, 2020** - RESTRICTING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.

At this time Order of the Board of Health dated March 19, 2020 remain in effect.

- **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH DATED MARCH 19, 2020** - DECLARING A TOWN OF NORTH READING "EMERGENCY DECLARATION"

Next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for 6/15/2021 @ 7pm.

Pam Vath motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20am.

Motion seconded by Karen Martin.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

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Pamela Vath

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Karen Martin

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