

**Clarke County Board of Health Meeting
April 15, 2020**

Board Present:

Kathleen Cason	Amy Roark
Allison Wright	Melissa Link
Patricia Moore	Betsy Pless
Tionya Lawrence	

Staff:

Dr. Stephen Goggans	Sarah Peck
Emily Eisenman	Keli Hinson
Kristy Stanley	Andrea Kerr
Whitney Howell	

Item: Minutes from the last meeting.

Action: It was motioned for the minutes to be approved, seconded, and passed by those present.

Item: Dr. Goggans & Team-Covid-19 Updates

Info: Dr. Goggans informed the board that the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) is fully activated by Public Health. The SPOC (Specimen Point of Collection) site is located here in Clarke County and the mobile clinic has been in both Barrow and Greene counties so far. It was explained how the process of contract tracing works and how every positive case is contacted by our Epidemiology team to give the person guidance on the next steps they will need to take. Whitney Howell explained that the UGA mobile clinic is going into vulnerable populations for testing. We will be able to test considerably more people now that the testing criteria has expanded. Emily Eisenman spoke on how our staffing of the EOC is works. We are rotating staff to report to the EOC on specific days while keeping the clinics staffed in order to continue operating. Some services have had to be scheduled according to when a nurse will be at the clinics since we are so short staffed during this time. A quarantine and isolation plan has been established while overcoming multiple obstacles of the homeless and mentally ill population.

Item: Questions asked by board members.

Info: 1) What determines which county the mobile clinic will go to? The county that has the largest case load at the time.
2) How long is the testing turn-around time? Currently 3-4 days but a new lab will be starting to process the samples and hoping to have results in 24 hours.
3) How many tests are we doing per day? Combining all sites, approximately 40. Not due to our capability just lack of interest. Trying to get the information out to the public to increase those numbers.
4) How many tests can be done per day? Not counting the mobile clinic, 80 per day. With additional staffing we could double that.
5) Can it be confirmed that anyone symptomatic can be tested with new criteria including children? Yes, they do not have to be high risk.
6) Are hospitals testing? Yes, they are doing their own testing as well as urgent care and private practices. Hospitals are primarily testing people coming into the ER, inpatients, and employees.
7) How is the data being reported and what factors into the changes that are seen? Data changes may be a result of incorrect data that was submitted being corrected. Also, the delay in the lab results could affect that.
8) How are people being notified that they may be on a positive person's contact list? Public Health would be contacting the person that may have been in contact and work with them. If the positive person does not know who all they came in contact with in a public location (such as a restaurant) they notify publicly the time and place when exposure may have occurred. The definition of "contact" would be a person you were in close proximity to, for an extended period of time.
9) Will we have a peak? They are planning and preparing for the worst, but no one really knows

what will happen. They are just making a predication.

10) What are people who may have false negatives being told? If they are showing symptoms they are told to take precautions and follow the guidelines and recommendations.

Item: Keli Hinson- Environmental Health

Info: Keli informed the board that due to the Covid-19 she has not had the opportunity to pull the list for failing septic systems that the board had requested. She will run that report and email out as soon as possible. (Attach #1).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Date Signed

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CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
April 15, 2020
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Goggans & Team: COVID-19 Updates
- Keli Hinson: Environmental Health