

**Clarke County Board of Health Meeting
May 18, 2020**

Board Present:

Allison Wright Tionya Lawrence
Patricia Moore Melissa Link

Staff:

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

Guests:

Margie Richards (reporter from Madison Co. Journal)
Susanne Lester (UGA)

Item: Minutes from the last meeting
Action: The minutes from the last meeting were motioned to be approved, seconded, and passed by those present.

Item: Covid-19 Updates
Info: Dr. Goggans informed the board of how the testing is going and that our number of tests are steadily increasing due to the changes in testing criteria. Currently we are running three testing sites. The main clinic is our Athens location, mobile clinic is in Jackson County, and the UGA mobile clinic. There was a question regarding contact tracking and whether people from other counties are exposing those in Clarke. When testing, location of work is included in the information that is gathered. Whitney Howell also discussed that our maximum testing capacity is 100 per day. She has reached out to Pilgrims Pride and offered testing for their employees.

Item: Questions/Concerns
Info: Do the numbers on the state website include all testers in the county? There is still a delay of reporting results from the labs from 2 days up to a week. But it should be reflecting all of the testers. If someone is tested and they show symptoms, they are advised to isolate and follow the recommended guidelines. Dr. Goggans told the board that we are trying to educate the public in the best way possible to encourage them to continue to follow the recommendations. Sarah Peck said they are working on a weekly update that would provide information to the public. Susanne Lester voiced a concern regarding all of the students coming back in town and how we can go about protecting the ones that live and work here. There was also a short discussion about wearing masks at the voting polls. It was questioned why the data changes on the website for the Covid-19 results. Dr. Goggans said errors in posting of antibody tests could cause these discrepancies.

Item: Formal Recommendation
Action: Melissa Link asked the board if a recommendation could be done to the Mayor and Commission to pass a resolution recommending residents and visitors to wear face masks when in indoor public places. The following recommendation was written up:

"The Clarke County Board of Health recommends that the Athens-Clarke County Mayor and Commission pass a resolution recommending that all residents and visitors wear a face covering of their mouths and noses in indoor public environments and workplaces". (Attach#1)

Tionya motioned to pass this, it was seconded by Allison, and passed by those present.

Item: Transmission of Covid-19 in and around swimming pools
Info: Keli Hinson informed the board that guidelines have been put in place for the opening of pools. The guidelines state "should" not "shall", so therefore, it is not enforceable. Saunas and hot tubs will remain closed. (Attach#2)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Date Signed

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CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
COVID-19 MEETING

May 18, 2020
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Update from staff regarding the ongoing localized management of the COVID-19 crisis
- Questions, concerns & reports from BoH members regarding the crisis & public response
- Discussion of a possible formal recommendation that the public be encouraged to wear face coverings at all times in public places (ACC is considering a resolution regarding this & is developing a plan for distributing face coverings & educating the public about proper protocols for wearing them)
- Transmissibility of COVID-19 at & around swimming pools