

Emergency Menard County Board of Health Meeting – 3/3/21

Attendance:

Board of Health:

Dave Bagot
Dr. Hartman
Jeff Fore
JD Stewart

Guests:

Ryan Heavner, Greenview schools
Lieutenant Lemon, Illinois National Guard

Health Department

Director Gail O'Neill
Assistant Director Bill Dart

I. The meeting was called to order at about 6:03 p.m. with a roll call vote. With four members answering the roll call, a quorum was established.

II. On a roll call vote, the minutes circulated were approved with four voting aye.

III. On the daily case numbers, the positivity numbers are going increasingly down. Sangamon county daily case counts also continue to go down. Testing is still strongly encouraged. Testing dates in the county scheduled with the IDPH contractor were reviewed.

Clinic vaccination is going well. Approximately 70 per day, two days per week; 1161 total vaccinations since January 12. 8.78% of Menard Co. residents are fully vaccinated at this date.

The ING site at fairgrounds is ramping up. Daily output is now at about 1100 per day. With more supply, this can go up further. The guard team is able to take vaccine out into the community; senior living facilities have been first target for the mobile vaccination teams. Also talking with some schools.

Ryan Heavner discussed vaccination clinic being planned for March 26th. On that date, the school will host and scheduling will be managed by the school. The number of appointments wasn't set. A goal of 400 was discussed as a tentative but realistic objective. The other schools have been consulted. Porta teachers/staff are in good shape; Athens has remote learning on Friday so those staff will be participating significantly. Law enforcement and EMS need to be notified for this event.

Dave asked how long the ING was staying. Lt. Lemon remarked that the guard would be staying in Sangamon for a while, likely until at least early June. Dave asked about the vaccine supply and whether it was stabilizing at present levels. Gail indicated that supplies are expected to increase but specifics are unknown. Dave asked about another day per week added to the Menard clinic; Gail said she would review if that's possible given staffing challenges.

Dave discussed services he typically provides for flu shots and that he would like to do similar vaccination services with the COVID vaccine. This was favorably received and arrangements will be made. Some teachers have had first dose of Moderna; arrangements will be made for them to get second doses if possible. J&J vaccine may be utilized for other on that day.

Ryan thanked Gail for the Binax now testing that's been used to screen staff and students.

IV. The selection of Secretary was postponed.

V. The appointment of 2 physicians to the Board was reviewed. Three local doctors were brought up. After COVID, there will need to be a quorum at the physical location. Nothing has been identified about the physician living or practicing in Menard; any appointment appears to be up to the discretion of the county commissioners. The suggestion was made that perhaps Dr. Miller could be extended to serve on the Menard Board of Health. Gail will check with Dr. Miller on his interest.

Per Dara, Dave's and Diane's terms are expiring at the end of May. Dave confirms he will serve; Bill will ask Dara to follow-up.

VI. Next meeting date was postponed to further review.

VII. There was no public comment.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at about 6:41 pm with unanimous vote.