



**STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: January 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair
Dr. Molly Lee, Vice-Chair
Dr. John Kluge
Dr. Louisa Tabatabai
Mark Speck*
Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)
*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Matthew Cory, Recording Secretary; Margaret Jaynes, Director Environmental Health

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Paschen read the special note to public: Due to recommendations to social distance in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access and participation to the meeting will be provided via Zoom. Board of Health members are also present via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

Motion by Tabatabai, Second by Kluge to approve agenda (MCU)

3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

3.1 Discussion of Sub-Prioritizing of the 1b Priority Population Due to Limited Doses of COVID-19 Vaccinations – Les White

White gave an update of current vaccinations in the county: 4,276 residents of Story County have started the vaccine series. Of that, 728 have completed the series. Story County Public Health has provided 6,140 doses to local medical providers with 965 second doses. These numbers are different due to providers that work within Story County but live in another county.

White discussed current positivity and testing. Positivity 14 day average rate on a downward trend, currently at 7.9%; 7 day average at 6%.

White provided guidance and recommendations provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health for phase 1b. Phase 1b is to start February 1, 2021 with the possibility of changing. Half of doses to be



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reserved for individuals 75 years of age or older. Public Health is working with Clinic, Unity Point Clinic in Huxley, and Story County Medical Clinic (Maxwell and Nevada) to provide vaccines to those 75 or older. Public Health will direct individuals 75 or older to contact those clinics. Paschen inquired of plan to distribute vaccines to clinics. Public Health will take input from each clinic on the number of vaccines they can provide. Remainder of available doses will remain within Public Health. Public Health will provide vaccination clinics for those 75 or older at certain low-income congregate living settings.

Discussion followed regarding the Iowa Department of Public Health guidance with a correction to the individuals 75 years or older and with comorbidity. White stated Iowa Department of Public Health advised comorbidity should not be included and should read individuals 75 years and older.

White provided a suggested list of priority groups for phase 1b as follows:

- preK-12 teachers and staff (Public Health will work with the schools based on allocations to provide vaccination clinics at the schools)
- Daycare providers caring for more than 12 children
- First Responders (Including firefighters and law enforcement not included in phase 1a)
- Water and Wastewater operators (Under health, life and safety inspectors)
- Government officials, including staff engaged in state business at the Iowa Capitol during legislative session
- Individuals incarcerated (Concerns regarding second does administration)
- Congregate living individuals including homeless and staff
- Food, agricultural, distribution, and manufacturing workers whom work or live in congregate settings that do not allow for social distancing

After discussion of the recommended priorities by Public Health, Paschen suggested the following motion -

Top priorities for allocating in the 1b group in Story County will be:

- 50% of vaccine allocation to those 75 and older
- Teachers and staff in pre-k-12 and daycare centers caring for 10 or greater children
- First Responders
- Critical water and wastewater employees

Moved by Kluge, second by Lee; no further discussion. Roll Call vote:

Tabatabai -Aye

Kluge -Aye

Lee -Aye

Paschen -Aye

Motion carried



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4. COMMENTS

Staff – Cory asked about the mask mailings. White stated they will be mailing soon. Cory also advised of many phone calls Environmental Health is receiving regarding COVID-19 vaccine information.

Board – Lee offered assistance from the veterinarians in Story County for vaccine clinics. Paschen Stated a group of retired doctors had offered to volunteer also. Paschen discussed handling of complaints regarding masks regulation.

Paschen asked if there was any public comments since there was not a public comment agenda item, no comments received.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment moved by Kluge, second by Lee at 7:19 pm

John Paschen, MD

Approval of Minutes

Chairman 2/16/21

Title and Date