



**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: June 25, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 p.m.

PLACE: Administration Building, 2nd Floor

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Mark Speck, Vice-Chair

Dr. John Kluge

Dr. Louisa Tabatabai

Dr. Molly Lee

Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)

*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: (By Phone) Les White, Deb Schildroth, Erin Anderson, Ethan Anderson, Katherine Kealey, Brandy Howe, Senator Herman Quirnbach

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Paschen read the special note to public: Due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via conference call to listen to the meeting. Board of Health members are also present by conference call.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai MCU

Vote: Kluge, Lee, Tabatabai, Speck, Paschen

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Final Draft Of Recommendations To Mitigate Further COVID-19 Spread In Story County

Paschen read the COVID-19 Mitigation Guidance for Story County- Recommendations from the Story County Board of Health. Paschen asked each of the Board of Health members individually for any changes or suggestions to the document.



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Discussion took place on the following suggested changes:

- Minor wording changes.
- Face coverings being worn during strenuous activity.
- New Iowa State University and City of Ames guidelines.
- Minor typo edits.
- Event participant's congregation in the area after events.
- Contactless temperature screening.
- Hand cleansing frequently practiced and encouraged
- Recommendations for bars and restaurants could be addressed in a separate document.

Public Comments/Concerns:

- Brandy Howe - asked about the emails received in opposition vs in favor of a mask recommendation, about time not being mentioned in the guidelines, and blood oxygen.
Time recommendations for temperatures to be taken if crowds are gathering.
Blood oxygen saturation levels for children while wearing face coverings.
- Senator Quirnbach – suggested language be added to guidelines to build an alliance with Iowa State University, specifically requiring face coverings. Additional focus on Pre-K-12 guideline responsibilities, testing, tracing and follow up, business compliance with guidelines.
- Deb Schildroth – Clarified that the Ames City Council has not adopted any regulations for area businesses. The legal department is currently researching what options the city has.

Heddens commented on the wording in the Board of Health Recommendations about the Department of Education Guidelines being forthcoming and suggested that the Board may want to consider changing wording since the Department of Education has now provided recommendations. Paschen does not feel that it is necessary to make changes since they are only guidelines and they provide suggestions for schools to consider. Heddens asked for clarification on differentiating between gatherings for Iowa State and high school athletics. Paschen stated that the difference is that the Centers for Disease Control places different types of gatherings at increased risk, and the athletic events at the college level are considered to be at the highest risk. A high school athletic event would be between the second highest and third highest risk. Heddens stated that she had received a few calls with suggestions to recognizing bars and restaurants in the recommendations.

Ethan Anderson stated this document is intended as guidance and recommendations, and therefore no enforcement mechanism can be applied. Anderson stated the emergency proclamation was extended for another month today and the Governor has legal authority to handle a disaster emergency. Anderson clarified that a rule or regulation is not being passed with this, and again that the document is only for the purpose of recommendations and guidance. The Board of Supervisors are also not able to pass this as rules and regulations as long as the emergency proclamation is in effect. Heddens asked for clarification about the unincorporated jurisdiction of the county. Anderson stated that the Board of Supervisors could not pass rules or regulations inside cities. Anderson stated that contact has been made with the Attorney General's office for



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insight before written suggestions are provided to the Board of Supervisors.

Additional discussion took place about Pre-K to 12 schools forthcoming recommendations from the Department of Education. Paschen suggested changing the wording in the first sentence about Pre-K to 12 schools to state when schools resume in the fall that we recommend the following minimum measures.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee to approve the Recommendations To Mitigate Further COVID-19 Spread In Story County as corrected.

VOTE:

Voting Aye: Kluge, Lee, Tabatabai, Speck, Paschen

Voting Nay: None

Not Voting: None

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Paschen asked if approval should be received from the Board of Supervisors before publishing the guidelines. Heddens stated she would share the information and did not feel it was necessary for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion took place about ways to get the recommendations out to the public. Stephanie Jones will coordinate with Leanne Harter to place the recommendations on the County Website as well as on social media.

COMMENTS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT 7:11p.m.

John J. Paschen
Approval of Minutes

Chairman, 8/14/2020

Title and Date