

MARBLEHEAD BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES, February 9, 2021

Present: Chm. Todd Belfbecker, Helaine Hazlett, Michelle Gottlieb, Andrew Petty, Director
Also Present: Dr. Tom Krueger (League of Women Voters)

Web-based video conferencing meeting of the Board of Health via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Michelle spoke about her concerns for students, teachers and the community on COVID-19 restrictions. She is in favor of reducing to a 3 feet distance between students rather than a 6 feet distance along with providing better masks for teachers. Also, she suggested better ventilation in classrooms. Todd reiterated that the school committee has made their decision and the Board of Health will continue to advise only.

Andrew told the Board on February 5th there was a total of 1070 cases of COVID-19 in town. The active cases at this time are 94 and there are 31 confirmed deaths of COVID-19. The age breakdown is as follows:

22 – (0-19 yrs. of age)
35 – (20-29 yrs. of age)
17 – (30-39 yrs. of age)
20 – (40-49 yrs. of age)
27 – (50-59 yrs. of age)
20 – (60-69 yrs. of age)
7 – (70-79 yrs. of age)
3 – (>80 yrs. of age)

The total number of COVID tests given to Marblehead residents is 35070. In the last fourteen days 4134 tests were given. Andrew addressed the vaccine roll out with its huge demand, low supply and limited appointments and recommends individuals to visit mass.gov for up to date information. Currently, 497 Marblehead residents have received 2 vaccinations and 1513 have received only the first vaccination. There is a 28 day waiting period for individuals who received the Moderna vaccine and a 21 day waiting period for individuals who received the Pfizer vaccine for the second immunization to be given.

A reminder to all residents that they are responsible to put recycling items in a proper recycling container preferably one with a lid. On stormy days, containers without lids may tip over causing items to litter the streets and sidewalks therefore recycling toters are strongly recommended. These toters are sold at the transfer station.

MOTION to close meeting. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Hazlett, in favor; Ms. Gottlieb, in favor; Dr. Belfbecker, in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Andrea Flaxer
Senior Clerk