

Board of Health Minutes

September 16, 2020

Regular Meeting:

Upon roll call: Mr. Bob Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Mrs. Carol Boyer, Dr. Komal Naik, Mrs. Gerri Moran, Mrs. Ellen Guritzky, Mr. Alvaro Mederios, Mrs. Annie McNair.

Dr. Gary Pien absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Ed Sorge to approve the minutes of May 20, 2020 Board of Health meeting and seconded by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

President's Report: no report

Health Officer's Report:

There are currently 2 active cases in Berkeley Heights. Since our first patient in March, we have had 300 positive cases and 59 deaths (55 LTC). As per CDRSS, there have been 2,165 COVID-19 tests administered to residents of which 16% were positive; this may include PCR as well as antigen tests.

The Kean University drive-thru opened on March 23, and as of last Sunday, September 13th, (553 or) 26% of Berkeley Heights residents were tested there and (26 or) 5% of those tested positive.

The drive-thru testing center at Kean University is open 3 days per week from 9am to 4pm, but due to low utilization, we are changing it to 2 days per week. The site is available to all Union County residents who wish to be tested, whether they are experiencing symptoms or not. Simply go to ucnj.org and click on the blue button "Book Appointment Online".

The Union County Medical Reserve Corps have been instrumental in assisting us with the specimen collection testing, our Call Center and Contact Tracing.

We also applied for a Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (LEAD) grant. In 2018, only 3.61% of the 3,327 children that live in Berkeley Heights under the age of seventeen were tested of which 2 were positive. Based on that rate, there is a possibility of an additional 53 children that may have elevated blood lead levels in Berkeley Heights that have not been tested. Despite Berkeley Heights being an affluent community where 98% of the population has health insurance and there are 4 pediatricians and 1 family practitioner in the municipality, the testing rate is extremely low. We truly need to encourage testing since 86% of the housing in the county was built before 1978.

Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) related Food Inspections:

Camp inspections 7/2/20- Hannery, YMCA, and Lifetime Youth Camps- Satisfactory for Pre-operational.

Pre-approved Pool openings: YMCA, Berkeley Swim Club and Lifetime 7/6/20

- On-site inspection: YMCA on 8/18/20- Satisfactory
- On-site inspection: Berkeley Swim Club 8/20/20- Satisfactory
- On-site inspection: Lifetime pools 8/25/20- Pending

Septic Tank Removal:

Observed Septic Tank removal on 6/1/20 at 388 Timber Drive

Observed Septic tank removal on 8/11/20 at 124 Berkshire Drive

Food Inspection:

Grain & Cain food truck inspected on 7/30/20: Satisfactory

Berkeley Swim Club Concession Stand inspected on 8/20/20: Satisfactory

Lifetime Club- Outdoor Café inspected on 8/27/20: Satisfactory

Trap Rock inspected on 9/15/20: Satisfactory (**Grease Trap:** Cleaned by *All County* 4 times a year. In addition, Trap Rock's employees cleaned the grease trap once a week and put the grease in the DarPro dumpster outside. The grease and cooking oil are picked up by DarPro. Trap Rock is planning on getting the testing and plumbing inspection done soon.)

New Food establishment:

Grazi's Kitchen; Pre-operational review done on 5/28/20; Initial Inspection 6/8/20- Satisfactory

Pak-American Grill at 635 Springfield Avenue; Pre-operational inspection approved on 8/28/20

Home for Good Dogs: Shelter inspection satisfactory on 7/30/20.

They are using Veterinary named Mr. Loomis from the Westfield Animal Hospital. Everything was clean and records were available. No violations observed.

Stop and Shop: No test results from the grease trap were provided to our office.

We also reviewed and approved plans for new online pickup area on 8/25/20.

Sam I Am Bagel: We received the Garden States Lab report for wastewater which was done on 1/31/20. The results were 15.4 mg/l, which is satisfactory.

General Communications: Outdoor dining going well.

When an Executive Order is issued by the Governor, Police Dept/law enforcement handles (not Board of Health).

Union County is planning flu clinics for approximately 8 municipalities as well as a COVID vaccine campaign. There are approximately 90,000 vaccines slotted for NJ but it's a 2 part/dose vaccine per person.

Long Term Care facilities are now testing their staff for COVID every 2 weeks. Union County COVID numbers are low but seeing young adults' numbers rising.

New Business: no report

Old Business: no report

Citizens Hearing: no report

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bob Dorsi asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:07pm. A motion was made by Mr. Ed Sorge and seconded by Mrs. Gerri Moran to adjourn on November 18, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Linda Palumbo