

**Weston Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2020
6:30pm-7:10pm
Zoom Meeting
Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/721311648>
Meeting ID: 721-311-648
Password: 615506
Call in number: 646-558-8656**

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair
Dr. David Kominz, Member
Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro, Member
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director
Beth Ann Boles, R.S., Health Agent

Others: Chris Fitzgerald; Michele Schuckel; Kathy Davidoff; Laurie Melchionda

I. Director's Report – COVID-19 Update

Public Health Director Wendy Diotalevi updated the Board on the COVID-19 situation in Weston to date. Currently 59 positive cases of Covid-19 are in Weston and the nurses are following 180 cases all together. A group of 24 positive cases have recovered and 15 contacts released for a total of 39 released from quarantine.

The nurses are continuing to work closely with the nursing homes and long-term care facilities in Weston. The Board of Health and Fire Dept are working to find and provide resources such as staff and personal protective equipment (PPE) for these facilities. The National Guard visited two facilities in Weston last week to test for COVID-19 for those staff and residents who are symptomatic. Weston may see an increase in positive cases due to this testing. Still no community spread of the virus is occurring in Weston. In the beginning cases were linked to Biogen, and then travelers, students, and now Weston is starting to see doctors and physicians in the community with COVID-19.

HIPPA rules changed today and now the nurses are not able to follow cases by name, addresses, or phone numbers, but only the MAVEN ID number given to cases within the system. This makes it a little harder, but the nurses are doing a great job. Laurie Melchionda, Weston Public Schools Director of Health Services, added that the State is implementing for all communities a tracking system. The Governor has partnered with Partners REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture) which is a database like MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network) but REDCap is specific to entering and tracking COVID-19 information only in order to protect MAVEN. REDCap will be used to store collected data and then able to merge the information into MAVEN.

Ms. Diotalevi had received positive feedback from cases. The school and police dept's psychologists are offering support to the school and WERC nurses if needed. Ms. Melchionda appreciates all the work and thanks the nurses and staff. Board Member Dr. DiPietro is impressed with the collaboration.

II. Next Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:30PM (Zoom Meeting)

III. Adjourn