

**BOARD OF HEALTH OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 30, 2021**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. virtually via video conference.

Welcome

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County and Executive Officer of the Board of Health, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Quorum

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer recognized those present: Council President MC Keegan-Ayer, Council Vice-President Michael Blue, Council Members Phil Dacey, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, and Steve McKay, and Jan Gardner, County Executive. Additional attendees include Dr. Kathy Weishaar from Frederick Health, Rick Harcum, Frederick County Chief Administrative Officer, and Bryon Black, County Attorney.

COVID-19 Situation Update

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County provided an update on COVID-19 for Frederick County, Maryland.

Discussion of Proposed Regulations

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County reviewed the proposed regulation for masks in indoor public places. The County Council members discussed.

At 11:23pm, Council Member Fitzwater made a motion to end public comments and hear all callers who were currently on the line, and take a break to read transcribed voicemail comments. Council Member Hagen seconded. The motion carried with 5 to 3.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue		X	
At-large – Dacey		X	
At-large – Hagen	X		
County Executive – Gardner	X		

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Public Comment was heard from:

- Unnamed person
- Unnamed person
- Jason Salvatore, Monrovia
- Randy Snow
- Chaz Packan
- Dr. Jen Brannen
- Justin Wages
- Tim Connole
- Tim Hanson, Dearbought community
- Boris Skoblov, Ijamsville
- Laura, Ijamsville
- Linda Diefenbach, Middletown
- James Grose, Myersville
- John, Spring Ridge
- Patricia Freese, Mount Airy
- Patricia Price, Ijamsville
- Sandra, from Frederick
- Kelly, Mount Airy
- Cathryn Chang, Urbana
- Heather Fletcher, Point of Rocks
- Richard Kaplowitz, Frederick
- John, Frederick
- Mark Minona
- Claire Cochran, Mount Airy
- Neil Sinitz , Spring Ridge
- Joe Mason, South of Frederick
- Kathleen Kaufman
- Connie Lin, Frederick County
- Leslie Cochran, New Market
- Luke Etter, Myersville
- TJ Manson, Middletown
- Morgan Pierce, New Market
- Jeff Malley, New Market
- Benjamin Franklin, Middletown
- Mike, Adamstown
- Donna, Frederick County Emmitsburg area
- Unnamed caller
- Owen, central area of Frederick

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- Mike, Point of Rocks
- Gail, Ballenger Creek area
- Nora, Frederick
- Jonathan Masser, Jefferson
- Megan, Frederick
- Sally, Frederick
- Stephanie, Central Frederick
- John, Frederick
- Elizabeth Bauer, Middletown
- Joe, Frederick
- Maggie, Frederick
- Unnamed caller, Emmitsburg
- Tim Hanson
- Michael and Barbara Hatfield, Urbana
- Lauren Bonita
- Angela, Frederick
- Amanda, Thurmont
- Jean, Middletown
- Bradley, Brunswick
- Jordan, Middletown
- Michelle, Frederick County
- Kathy Diener, Ballenger Creek area
- Jennifer Smith, Brunswick
- Keith Barnes, Woodsboro
- Kristin, Frederick

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer announced that all of the e-mails and voicemail messages submitted to the Board of Health following the announcement of this meeting through to the start of this meeting would be added to the public record for the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 12:02am during which time the Board of Health members reviewed transcriptions of the public comments recorded on the meeting message line.

The meeting resumed at 12:19am and a roll call confirmed all members present.

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Board Decision:

Council Executive Gardner made a motion to adopt the proposed regulation with a start date of December 31, 2021 and an expiration when there are fewer than 20 positive cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 or until the regulation is cancelled or revised by the Board of Health. Council Member Hagen seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 3.

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Council Member Dacey proposed writing a letter to Governor Hogan requesting a state run testing site in Frederick. County Executive Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. County Executive Gardner's office will work on this letter.

Council Member Fitzwater proposed looking into providing masks for county residents.

Upcoming Meetings

Next Board of Health meeting will be scheduled to occur in January 2022 and a date will be released Jan. 4, 2022.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 a.m.

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer
Board of Health