

**BOARD OF HEALTH OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 3, 2022**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: Jan Gardner, County Executive, Council President MC Keegan-Ayer, Council Members Phil Dacey, Jerry Donald, Jessica Fitzwater, Kai Hagen, and Steve McKay. Absent: Council Vice-President Michael Blue.

Additional attendees included Dr. Kathy Weishaar from Frederick Health.

COVID-19 Situation Update

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County provided an update on COVID-19 for Frederick County, Maryland. Dr. Kathy Weishaar from Frederick Health provided additional perspective of the hospital situation. County Executive Gardner provided an update on county employees and services.

Old Business

Council President Keegan-Ayer made a motion to approve the minutes as written from [1/20/2022](#). Council Member Fitzwater seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Brookmyer will send draft board policies and procedures to Board members for discussion in an upcoming meeting prior to the May meeting which will be focused on reviewing non-COVID related health data.

Discussion resulted in scheduling the next meeting in one month.

County Executive Gardner referenced receiving many emails from individuals asking for masks to no longer be required in public schools. She explained that decisions on masks in public schools are made at the state level, not by this Board. Questions have also been sent in asking for Board of Health [Regulation 02-2021](#) to be rescinded because other counties have done so. Current data shows that the other counties have rescinded their mask orders have lower rates than Frederick County. Regulation 02-2021 is set to expire when the county case rate falls below 20 per 100,000, which is expected to happen in the upcoming weeks given the current trend. A press release will go out when that threshold is met. Regulation 02-2021 does not have a provision for reinstatement of the mask regulation once the threshold is reached and the regulation is no longer in effect.

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Upcoming Meetings

- March 3, 2022 at 6pm.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer
Board of Health