

**BOARD OF HEALTH OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 6, 2022**

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 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.

Council Vice-President Michael Blue joined during the COVID-19 Situation Update.

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.

Council Member Fitzwater added that, while it is important for people to not seek care from the hospital's emergency department for non-emergency issues such as COVID-19 testing, victims of domestic abuse should still feel comfortable seeking the care they need.

**Old Business**

Dr. Brookmyer provided an update on the number of complaints received regarding non-compliance with the Regulation 02-2021 adopted during the last meeting.

Dr. Brookmyer provided an update on actions requested and taken since the last meeting to expand testing capacity. County Executive Gardner reported on the letter submitted jointly with Council President Keegan-Ayer to the Governor and Secretary of Health requesting State testing support and the response announced by the Governor today.

County Executive Gardner reported that she is having regular meetings with county division leadership to monitor the impact of employees out with COVID-19. Departments have made operational changes and are continuing to deliver all essential services. County Executive Gardner also reported on plans for mask distribution.

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Council Member McKay raised the issue of incentives for the general population who is still unvaccinated. Board members discussed. President Keegan-Ayer suggested that each member should develop a list of ideas to discuss in next week's meeting. County Executive Gardner pointed out the need to keep the administrative implementation in mind for strategies.

Dr. Brookmyer provided an overview of strategies already in use in the county.

County Executive Gardner clarified that the Board of Health will not pass a new regulation that has not already been on the agenda and made public for comment.

Topics for upcoming agendas will include board policies and procedures, including a civility clause, and future meeting schedule.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- January 13, 2022 at 6pm.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer  
Board of Health