

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021**

Steve Clarke, President of the Board of Health (BOH) called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. via the ZOOM Video Conferencing Application.

Steve Clarke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members in attendance:** Steven Clarke, DC, Sau Yan Yee, MD, Donna Garbaccio, RN, Lynne Spreen-Raffo, RN, Devaleena Sen, R.PH, Linda Brock, RN, Casey Colaneri

**Staff in attendance:** Cindy Risseeuw, Secretary; Bergen County Department of Health (BCDOH) Staff: Laura Folco, Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) and Michelle Murati, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

**Absent:** Michael Sparozic, R.PH, Peter Melchionne, Township Committee Liaison

**Reading of the Zoom Statement and Open Public Meetings Act Public Work Session statement:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of Executive Order #103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Planning Board of the Township of Wyckoff does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, the meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Wyckoff scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 will be conducted virtually through the Zoom Video Conferencing Application and it will be live-streamed on the Township of Wyckoff's YouTube channel. The Work Session is scheduled for 7:30 and the Public Business meeting will begin at 8:00 pm.

These measures are implemented to allow members of the public to observe the meeting via live streaming and to provide the ability to comment during the periods for public comment during the meeting through Zoom telephone call in technology. Joining the meeting by telephone will be utilized as security against the sharing of inappropriate video content.

General instructions regarding access to the meeting is posted on the Wyckoff web site's home page at [www.wyckoff-nj.com](http://www.wyckoff-nj.com) as a "News" item.

Cindy Risseeuw, Secretary, read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This Regular Work Session Meeting of the Wyckoff Board of Health is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald and News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the

Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.”

**Approval of February 11, 2021 Public Business Meeting and Public Work Session Minutes:**

Linda Brock motioned and Donna Garbaccio seconded; all members present voted affirmatively.

**Report of REHS:**

Michelle Murati reviewed the REHS log.

**Report of Board Members:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

John Carolan, a Ramapo Indian Hills (RIH) Regional High School parent who also volunteers on the RIH Board of Education, called into the Zoom meeting to ask questions as a parent. Mr. Carolan had questions regarding the decisions made regarding sports quarantining. Laura Folco provided information on the subject.

1. Sports affiliated with the schools fall under the guidance of the Board of Education and/or the head of the athletic department. The guidance is clear in the form of an algorithm (Cali scale).
2. Sports not affiliated with the schools fall under the guidance of the New Jersey Department of Health with a different set of guidelines.

Sports ratings come from the New Jersey Department of Health (low, medium, high risk, contact with or without masks).

Laura Folco stated that there is no distinction between indoor and outdoor sports from the New Jersey Department of Health; it is based on 6-foot social distancing. New updates should be coming out shortly.

Questions regarding quarantining can call the BCDOH Hotline at 201-225-7000.

**New and Unfinished Business:**

**COVID-19**

Dr. Clarke stated that Governor Murphy announced that 2.7 million New Jerseyans have received at least the first shot. The vaccine will be administered shortly locally at Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Sam's Club, Wegman's, Rite Aid and Stop & Shop.

The first African variant has been detected in NJ yesterday. Rutgers had developed a rapid test that can detect variants, but not specifically which of the three variants has been detected.

Dr. Clarke had conducted an interview with Rich Calbi from Ridgewood Water regarding the water quality which was aired on YouTube. This video has had approximately 1,000 views.

#### Well Child Program

Ms. Risseuw stated there was nothing new to report this month.

Dr. Clarke reminded members of the following Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Law requirements. Board members must include the following language on all memos to board members:

“The Board/Commission Secretary or Liaison shall be included in any email a Township Committee appointed Board/Commission member sends. All emails are subject to the Open Public Records Act and as such, may be requested by citizens. (This requirement is applicable to all members of the Wyckoff Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Library Board of Trustees, Recreation and Parks Commission, Board of Health, Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Design Review Advisory Committee and any other ad-hock committee regardless if it is sent from your personal/business computer or personal/business data phone.) There should be no expectation that the content of emails exchanged with municipal officials and employees will remain private.”

Casey Colaneri motioned to close the Public session; seconded, Donna Garbaccio; all members present voting affirmatively.

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.