

## Emergency Menard County Board of Health Meeting – 11/02/20

### Attendance:

#### Board of Health:

Dave Bagot  
Dr. Hartman  
Brienne Satorius  
Diane Markley  
JD Stewart

#### Health Department

Director Gail O'Neill  
Assistant Director Bill Dart  
Fiscal Manager Toni Perry

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with a roll call vote. With five members answering the roll call, a quorum was established.

II. The minutes from the September 30 meeting have not been circulated for review.

III. & IV Cases are up in Menard, Sangamon and the region. Increased mitigation orders from the state seem inevitable. Local orders in Springfield and Sangamon county are being developed; a universal masking order may be issues by the Springfield mayor. As the executive order from the Governor is not enforceable as law, local orders are necessary.

The latest data was reviewed including limited reports from contact tracing. Contact tracers have difficulty gathering complete information from cases. Personal gatherings were identified as locations of transmissibility.

The enhanced mitigation efforts include no indoor dining or bar service, no standing service and closure of bars by 11 pm. With no indication that the curve is bending, there's significant about hospitals filling up. Also, concern that people will not seek care that they need because of the COVID patients.

The Board deliberated and recommended seeking enacting mitigation efforts locally through the County Board. Churches and schools are exempted from the direct executive orders but have other guidance. Stronger statements to community are needed. Media buys may be best option to get the messages out. This board would like the support of these messages from the county commissioners.

The communications should address the vulnerable populations, which would be a good addition with the holiday season coming. There is a state emergency rule that the legislature did approve.

The three awards and time frames for the funds were discussed. To the extent salaries can be

used as expenses for these grants, that's ideal such as overtime and other expenses related to quarantining staff. We know there are claims to be made, they just need to be aggregated and submitted. Persons who have been working COVID need to be identified. Perhaps schools are another area but this needs to be checked out.

V. The health board will seek input on next steps from the county board and ask to be on the agenda for the next meeting of the county commissioners. Greater messaging is unanimously agreed as sorely needed.

VI. Next meeting date will be called by the Chair.

VII. There was no public comment.

VIII. The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent of the members.