

**Wellfleet Board of Health
Wednesday October 13, 2021; 5:30pm
Emergency Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Ken Granlund, Chair; Janet Drohan, Debbie Freeman, Nick Picariello,
Others Present: Hillary Greenberg-Lemos, Health Agent; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary

Chair Granlund called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

Lemos began with an update of current Covid cases for the town of Wellfleet. She stated there are 36 active cases. She also stated that earlier in the day the pop-up Covid testing site was very successful explaining there were many people of all ages attended the testing site. She did explain to the Board that there were only 2 cases of Covid that were over the age of 65 but the majority of cases were in the age range of 12-year to 44-year old's. She continued stating that half of the residents are vaccinated, many of them being 12 years or older.

She stated there is evidence of community spread. She has been looking at the state numbers but she explained that the state is not considering the bionex tests only the PCR tests. The Board discussed contract tracing with Lemos and are there any parameters regarding contract tracing. Lemos stated no, there aren't many parameters. The Board continued to discuss the cases and if those cases were indoor events or outdoor. The Board discussed the rumors that were being spread, Lemos asked what the rumors were. Freeman explained that there were many local businesses that were mentioned. Lemos expressed that these establishments are following all the safety precautions. She explained they tested over 100 people earlier today and they will have those results within 48 hours and she expects the cases to be higher then.

Contract tracing was discussed. Cases in young children were discussed and if those cases had family members who had contacted the virus as well. Lemos stated that there is a push to stop contact tracing and when the CDC tells the state to stop the tracing then the state will stop. Lemos guessed that tracing will stop within the next 6 months to a year. Granlund left the meeting at 5:44pm.

Lemos asked about having wastewater advisory regulation change on the upcoming agenda so the Board can discuss these changes and then decide if they should post a public hearing.

Freeman asked if there was information on the cases, and what could the town expect. Lemos stated if she would guess she believes the cases will go up and once the restaurants are closed she believes and is hopeful that the cases will go down. Freeman also suggested that the Board discuss removing cesspools. It will be on the October 27th agenda.

The meeting adjourned 5:55pm