

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 23, 2022

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Approval of April 2022 Minutes
- b. Vote on Board Meeting Schedule

2. Commissioner's Report (Dr. Smith)

- a. COVID Update
 - Up-to-date Stats
 - UC Wastewater Surveillance
 - New State Guidance
- b. Elevated Flu Activity in NYS

MEETING CONCLUSION

Ulster County Board of Health

May 23, 2022

5:00 p.m.

239 Golden Hill Lane

Kingston, NY 12401

PRESENT: Dr. Walter Woodley, Stephanie Turco, Naomi Stevens, Dr. Ashanda Saint Jean, Dr. Gina Carena

EXCUSED: Dr. Marta Sanchez, Kathleen Rogan

ABSENT:

UCDOH: Dr. Carol Smith- Commissioner of Health

GUEST:

Call To Order: 5:13PM

1. Old Business

- a. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the April 2022 meetings, was made by Ms. Turco and seconded by Dr. Carena and unanimously approved.
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Schedule:** The Board reviewed the results of the Survey Monkey poll (see attached.) The following was determined:
 - The Board voted on holding the monthly Board of Health meetings on a Tuesday. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Turco, seconded by Dr. Saint Jean and unanimously approved.
 - The Board voted on holding the monthly Board of Health meetings on the second week on the month. A motion to approved was made by Dr. Saint Jean, seconded by Ms. Turco and unanimously approved.
 - The Board voted on starting the monthly Board of Health meetings at 5:00PM. A motion to approved was made by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Saint Jean and unanimously approved.
 - The Board voted on when the new monthly Board of Health meeting schedule should begin. A motion to start it at the June meeting was made by Dr. Carena, seconded by Dr. Saint Jean and unanimously approved.

3. Commissioner's Update: Dr Smith reported on the following:

a. **COVID Overview:**

- Reviewed the most recent COVID numbers (see attached). Unable to get a handle on the true

numbers due to home testing. Some individuals test when symptomatic and others do not. Some individuals report their positive test to the Department of Health, and some do not. All positive PCR tests are reported to DOH through the ECLRS database by the lab, so we can be confident about those numbers. However, we can not tell how many tests have been given.

- The State is ending the PCG contracts for contact tracers. It will now be up to the Local Health Department (LHD) to continue contact tracing if they choose to. UCDOH is choosing to continue tracing as much as possible.
- Continuing with the School Specialist services who is the liaison between DOH and the schools for COVID activities.
- Vaccination PODs continue to be held every Saturday, except in instances of holiday weekend. Vaccinations are keeping the numbers down, but we are still seeing breakthrough cases.
- Ulster County opted to be part of the COVID wastewater monitoring surveillance being conducted by the Department of Conservation. Two municipal systems in Ulster County are being monitored, City of Kingston and New Paltz.
- NYSDOH COVID -19 Dashboard can be found <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/regional-vaccination-data>

b. **Other Communicable Disease Updates:**

- Flu Update: Seeing persistently increasing activity (see attached).
- Monkeypox: NYSDOH Health Advisory was issued, urging medical providers to report and individual with monkeypox symptoms to the state. The advisory states, "multiple people diagnosed with monkeypox have been reported in several countries that don't normally have monkeypox, including the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal and Canada. A case of monkeypox was confirmed in a resident of Massachusetts following travel to Canada."

c. **Department Personnel Update:** Dr. Smith reported on the Department's personnel status. Positions have been steadily decreased over time to the extent that the Department is now in need of rebuilding its workforce.

d. **Budget:** UCDOH is currently in budget season. Working with the Commissioner of Finance to prepare the 2023 budget.

6. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Turco and seconded by Ms. Stevens and unanimously approved.

7. **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:


Walter Woodley, MD - Chair

Q1 On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the most preferable and 5 being the least, please rank each day of the week to indicate which would be best for you to meet, for a standing monthly meeting as a member of the BOH

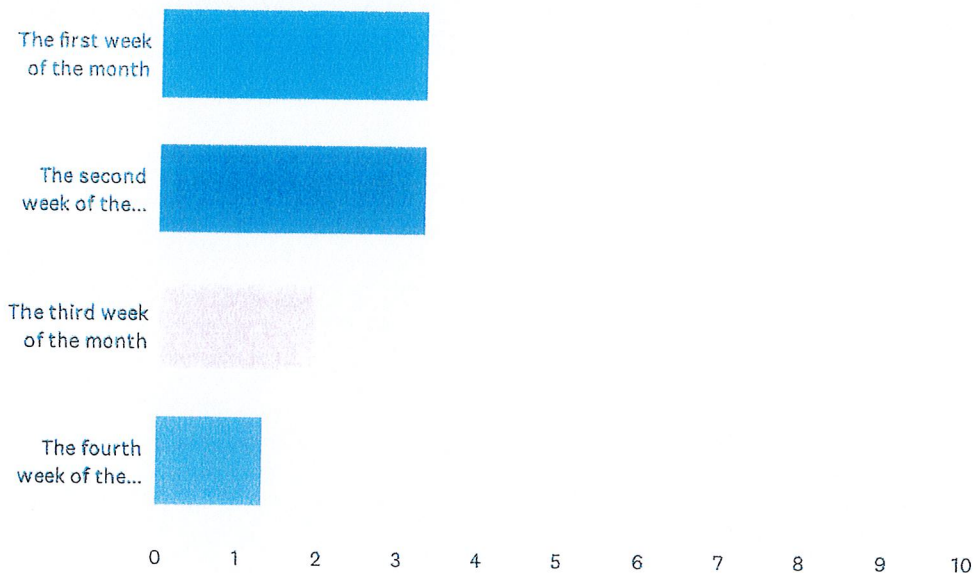
Answered: 6 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Monday	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	6	3.33
Tuesday	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	6	3.83
Wednesday	16.67%	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%	0.00%	6	3.00
Thursday	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	6	3.00
Friday	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	6	1.83

Q2 On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being the most preferable and 4 being the least, please rank each week of the month to indicate which would be best for you to meet

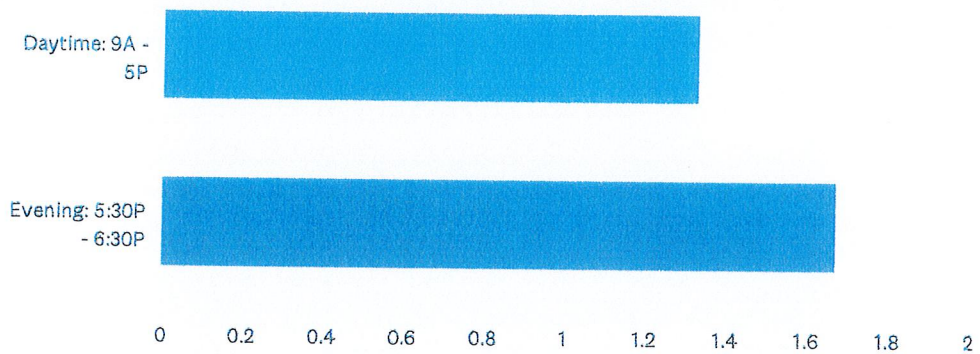
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	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
The first week of the month	66.67% 4	16.67% 1	0.00% 0	16.67% 1	6	3.33
The second week of the month	33.33% 2	66.67% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6	3.33
The third week of the month	0.00% 0	16.67% 1	66.67% 4	16.67% 1	6	2.00
The fourth week of the month	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	33.33% 2	66.67% 4	6	1.33

Q3 On a scale of 1-2, with 1 being the most preferable and 2 being the least, please rank each time slot to indicate which would be best for you to meet

Answered: 6 Skipped: 0



	1	2	TOTAL	SCORE
Daytime: 9A - 5P	33.33%	66.67%	6	1.33
	2	4		
Evening: 5:30P - 6:30P	66.67%	33.33%	6	1.67
	4	2		

Katrina Rocap

From: Kelly Perry
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 8:42 AM
To: COVID-19 Official Counts
Subject: 4/16/2022-4/18/2022 Official Count (4/15/2022-4/17/2022 data)

Today			
Official Counts For		4/18/2022	
Data As Of		4/17/2022	
Total Tests	710125	+253	<i>Since Yesterday</i>
Confirmed Cases	38785	+16	<i>Since Yesterday</i>
Transferred	-417	0	<i>No Change Since Yesterday</i>
Recovered	38010	+11	<i>Since Yesterday</i>
Fatalities	375	0	<i>No Change Since Yesterday</i>
Active	400	+5	<i>Since Yesterday</i>

7 day rolling average today is 9.5%

Sunday			
Official Counts For		4/17/2022	
Data As Of		4/16/2022	
Total Tests	709872	+526	<i>Since Prior Day</i>
Confirmed Cases	38769	+35	<i>Since Prior Day</i>
Transferred	-417	0	<i>No Change</i>
Recovered	37999	+32	<i>Since Prior Day</i>
Fatalities	375	0	<i>No Change</i>
Active	395	+3	<i>Since Prior Day</i>

Saturday			
Official Counts For		4/16/2022	
Data As Of		4/15/2022	
Total Tests	709346	+560	<i>Since Prior Day</i>
Confirmed Cases	38734	+59	<i>Since Prior Day</i>
Transferred	-417	-1	<i>Since Prior Day</i>
Recovered	37967	+56	<i>Since Prior Day</i>
Fatalities	375	0	<i>No Change</i>
Active	392	+2	<i>Since Prior Day</i>

ResTown	Town	Active	Recovered	Deceased	Total Confirmed
City of Kingston	City of Kingston	48	5718	62	5828
Wawarsing	Town of Wawarsing	15	2844	19	2878
Hurley	Town of Hurley	21	973	11	1005
Lloyd	Town of Lloyd	33	3057	74	3164
Ulster	Town of Ulster	22	2555	66	2643
Marlborough	Town of Marlborough	14	2040	8	2062
Saugerties	Town of Saugerties	38	3576	31	3645
Shawangunk	Town of Shawangunk	25	2812	11	2848
New Paltz	Town of New Paltz	56	2799	19	2874
Esopus	Town of Esopus	13	1453	7	1473
Plattekill	Town of Plattekill	9	2045	14	2068
Rochester	Town of Rochester	10	1175	8	1193
Rosendale	Town of Rosendale	11	761	5	777
Marbletown	Town of Marbletown	9	770	1	780
Gardiner	Town of Gardiner	13	837	6	856
Unknown	Unknown	24	2643	16	2683
Woodstock	Town of Woodstock	19	699	2	720
Olive	Town of Olive	12	562	7	581
Shandaken	Town of Shandaken	8	294	1	303
Denning	Town of Denning	0	46	0	46
Hardenburg	Town of Hardenburg	0	0	0	0
Out of County	Out of County	0	246	5	251
Town of Kingston	Town of Kingston	0	105	2	107
Total		400	38010	375	38785

Patient Facility	Total Confirmed	Total Active	Active - Employees
SUNY New Paltz	664	11	2
Golden Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	333	9	3
ARC MID-HUSON (THE)	87	5	0
NEW PALTZ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	54	5	1
KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL	225	4	0
Eastern Correctional Facility	186	3	3
HIGH MEADOW SCHOOL	9	3	1
Mohonk Mountain House	108	3	1
ELLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	55	2	0
ERNEST C MYER SCHOOL	36	2	1
ONTEORA HIGH SCHOOL	60	2	0
REGINALD BENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	24	2	0
RONDOUT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	73	2	0

Ten Broeck Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing	405	2	0
Central Hudson	4	1	1
DDSO Pearl Hill	1	1	0
DUZINE SCHOOL	24	1	0
E R CROSBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	30	1	0
Health Alliance Hospital Broadway Campus	29	1	1
HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL	44	1	0
Hudson Valley Rehabilitation & Extended Care Center	187	1	0
JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL	33	1	1
JOHN G BORDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL	24	1	0
LENAPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	35	1	0
LEPTONDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13	1	0
MARLBORO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	45	1	0
MARLBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	29	1	0
MOUNTAIN LAUREL WALDORF SCHOOL	18	1	0
NYC DEP	11	1	0
RICCARDI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	51	1	1
SUNY Ulster	23	1	0
UC Emergency Management	3	1	1
ULSTER BOCES	47	1	0
Ulster County COB	20	1	1
Ulster County DPW	32	1	1
Unknown Highland CSD	1	1	0
Unknown Onteora CSD	1	1	0
Walkill Correctional Facility	85	1	0
WOODSTOCK DAY SCHOOL	9	1	0



KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

MARY T. BASSETT, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner

KRISTIN M. PROUD
Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

May 18, 2022

TO: New York State Public and Private Schools

FROM: NYSDOH Division of Epidemiology

**HEALTH ADVISORY:
ELEVATED INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN NEW YORK STATE**

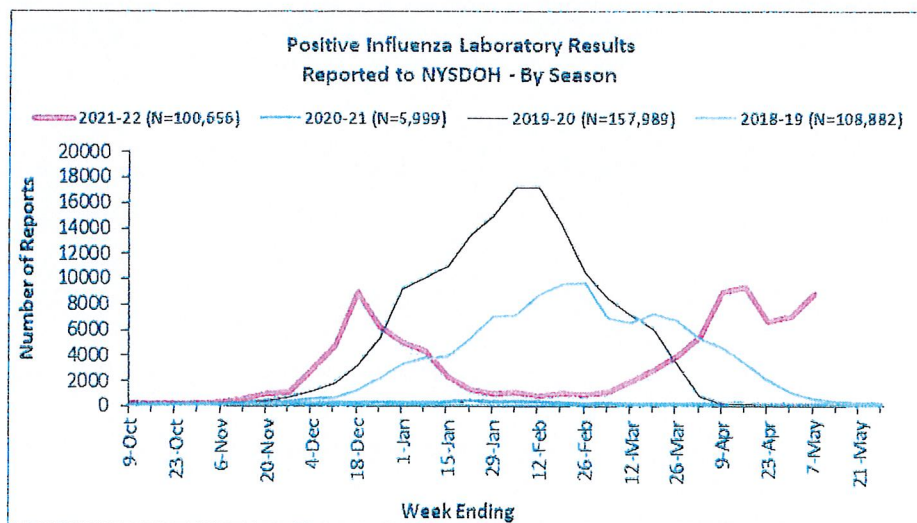
PURPOSE

In view of persisting elevated influenza activity in New York State (NYS), this advisory provides updated influenza surveillance information along with links and references to influenza prevention and control resources.

INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) conducts influenza surveillance each October through May and may extend surveillance beyond May if needed. Influenza is unpredictable and remains elevated and widespread in New York State. It is not uncommon for influenza activity to extend into the late spring.

Surveillance data has shown an unusual bimodal distribution of influenza activity during the 2021-22 season. Following consistent declines during January and low rates in February, laboratory-confirmed influenza cases and hospitalizations have been steadily rising since March with significant increases in lab-confirmed cases occurring throughout April. It is unknown if activity will remain at high levels or continue to increase in the upcoming weeks.



Surveillance data indicate that influenza A(H3) has been the predominant influenza virus circulating this season, accounting for 90% of all influenza cases reported last week. While influenza viruses can cause severe illness in people of all ages, influenza A(H3) viruses are known to cause disproportionately more illness among young children and older adults. Since the start of the season, 100,656 laboratory-confirmed influenza cases and more than 5,600 hospitalizations have been reported, with 59% of all laboratory-confirmed cases occurring in persons aged 0–17 years and 42% of hospitalizations in persons aged 65 and older. During the week ending May 7, 2022, a total of 8,885 laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza were reported in 56 of 57 New York State counties and in all five boroughs of New York City.

NYSDOH would like to remind schools to contact their local health department (LHD) if they observe increases in school absences resulting from influenza-like illness (fever with cough or sore throat) or confirmed influenza outbreaks. The following preventive measures should be encouraged to stop the spread of influenza within your school:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- NYSDOH Influenza Guidance:
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/>
https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/child_care_and_schools/
- NYSDOH Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report:
<http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/surveillance/>.
- NYSDOH 2021-22 Annual Influenza Surveillance and Reporting Requirement Advisory can be found at: https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/docs/influenza_health_advisory.pdf
- New York State Center for School Health - Communicable Disease:
<https://www.schoolhealthny.com/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=187&ViewID=7b97f7ed-8e5e-4120-848f-a8b4987d588f&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=93&PageID=115>
- CDC - Information for Schools & Childcare Providers: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/index.htm>
- Contact information for Local Health Departments can be found at:
<https://www.nysacho.org/directory/>