

Town of Vernon Recovery and Reopening Advisory Committee

APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting held via Zoom

Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 11:00 am

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1. ROLL CALL

Bill Meier opened the meeting at 11:01 am.

Members Present: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator, David Owens, Communications Specialist, William Meier, Director of Business and Finance, Vernon Public Schools, George McGregor, Planner, John Kelley, Police Chief, Patrice Sulik, Director North Central District Health, Steve Prattson, Building Official, Bruce Kloter, President Swiss Cleaners, Polly Schaefer, Town Council Member.

Members Absent: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator, Lou Spadaccini, Town Attorney, July Clay, Town Council Member and Dan Wasilewski, Fire Marshal.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. COVID-19 INCIDENT COMMAND UPDATE

Bill Meier updated the committee on the following items:

• **Connecticut COVID-19 Summary - (9/29/2021)**

Measure	Total	Change
COVID-19 Cases (confirmed and probable)	390,180	+ 450
Daily Test Positivity*	1.78%	
Patients Currently Hospitalized with COVID-19	250	- 9

• **New COVID-19 Cases in the Past 7 Days by Vaccination Status**

Includes case data from the last seven days based on the specimen collection date

Status	Case Count	Percent
New Cases	1,954	
Not Fully Vaccinated	1,324	67.8%
Fully Vaccinated	630	32.2%

- Schools are following Governor’s Executive Order 13D (Protection of Public Health and Safety During Covid-19 Pandemic – Vaccinations Required for State Employees, School Employees and Childcare Facility Staff). Schools employed partnerships with SEMA-4 Labs for weekly testing, and employees can upload results through secure portal established with Priority Urgent Care. Testing is held weekly on Sundays at Rockville High School. 68 attendees were tested. Testing is also taking place on Tuesdays at 375 Hartford Turnpike. That location also had numerous attendees.
- School Bus Driver vaccinations – VPS is closely monitoring requirements for drivers. First Student has implemented its own plan for employee testing. There were zero interruptions to bus routes and services for our students.
- Town/BOE is monitoring Presidential executive order regarding employee vaccination/testing options, and will keep committee apprised as new information becomes available.

Patrice Sulik provided an update on the following items:

- The District received numerous calls with questions regarding the Governor's extension of powers as it related to the mask mandate for students.
- A Dr's license to practice was suspended due to providing blank vaccination cards in light of vaccination mandates.
- District has received many questions related to 3rd shot/booster. The District has created a cheat sheet to help navigate the options for eligible parties. Patrice will send this to Bill and he will distribute to the Committee.

4. CURRENT GUIDANCE AND ORDERS

Shaun Gately provided an update on health guidance and the 4 executive order changes that have occurred since last meeting.

5. LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY

Bill Meier shared that the Town is no longer running vaccination clinics. Testing sites have resumed using SEMA-4 labs. The Schools are doing contract tracing and daily reports of cases are reported to District. Majority of COVID cases seen in schools are occurring from transmission taking place outside of the school setting.

6. NEXT STEPS

Next meeting will be planned for October 2021.

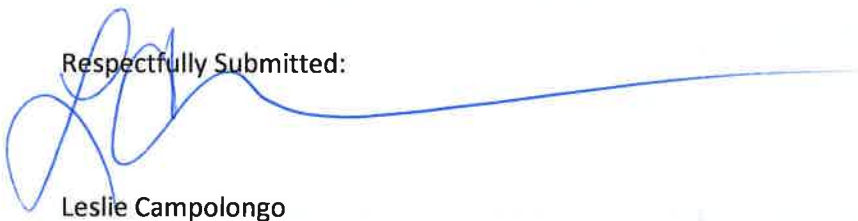
7. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – September 2, 2021.

Motion to approve minutes made by Councilmember Schaefer, and seconded by Steve Prattson. Motion carried unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilmember Schaefer, and seconded by Steve Prattson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting concluded at 11:22 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leslie Campolongo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leslie Campolongo