



Springdale Board of Health  
January 14, 2021

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board of Health Members

Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Dr. Ketring, James Squires  
Dr. Webb, Medical Advisor

Others Present

Mayor Webster, Holly Emerson, Council Representative to the Board of Health  
City Staff: Matt Clayton, Health Commissioner; Amy Ellis, Public Health Nurse

Minutes of the December 10, 2020 Board of Health Meeting

Minutes of the December 10, 2020 Board of Health meeting were not available at this time.

City Council Report

Mayor Webster began the City Council Report with Mrs. Emerson finishing up. The report included the following meetings:

**January 6, 2021**

Mayor discussed the previous Springdale City Council meeting that was held on January 6, 2021. This included the following legislation:

Resolution No. R1-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS

Mayor Webster stated that this is a “housekeeping” resolution required to authorize the Clerk of Council/Finance Director to invest funds that she determines not to be needed for more than 90 days. That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Resolution No. R2-2021

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADVANCE PAYMENT OF TAXES FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR

This resolution is also a “housekeeping” resolution required in order to request the Hamilton County Auditor to “pay to the Clerk of Council/Finance Director of the City of Springdale all funds currently available for distribution to said City of Springdale”. This measure is in order to receive payment immediately instead of Hamilton County holding City property tax settlements. That also passed with a 7-0 vote.

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Work still continues on a previous ordinance brought before Council regarding parking of trailers and trucks in driveways and in the street. Mrs. Emerson's committee is currently working on improvements to this ordinance. Mayor Webster believed that this ordinance should be ready for a public hearing at the next scheduled meeting to be held on January 20, 2021.

Mrs. Emerson followed up with the discussion of the meeting held on:

**December 16, 2020**

Resolution No. R26-2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHELE GILLMORE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Resolution No. R27-2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHY NIENABER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Resolution No. R28-2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GREGORY D. JOHNSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE TAX REVIEW BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Mayor Webster noted that all of these individuals were reappointments. Mayor Webster also stated that another ordinance was passed at that meeting which was the following:

Ordinance No. 54-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MILHAUS PROPERTIES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11911 SHERATON LANE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Webster indicated that there will be 216 apartments at this location. This ordinance also passed with a 7-0 vote.

Dr. Ketring asked if all the land would be used for the apartments. Mayor Webster indicated that it would be.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Health Commissioner's Report Matt Clayton

**Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses**

Mr. Clayton asked the Board of Health members if they had any questions on the complaints that were included in their Board of Health packet provided to them.

Mrs. Emerson had a question about the hotels. She was curious how there were so many issues with Home2Suites since it is a brand new facility. Mr. Clayton stated that it is approved to open, but is not open yet. Mr. Clayton stated that the items that still needed to be fixed were leftover items not quite completed since construction began. Mayor Webster asked why a hotel was being inspected since it had not yet even opened. Mr. Clayton stated that the intent is to ensure that the facility is off to a good start. Mayor Webster asked about the inspection regarding Extended Stay. Mr. Clayton stated that he was surprised by the number of violations, given the recent remodel. Mr. Clayton stated that there was a recent follow up inspection and that he believes that report will be much shorter than the one that has been placed in the Board of Health packets. Mr. Clayton let the Board of Health members know that when Ms. Jergens or Mr. Clayton conduct a hotel inspection, their goal is to inspect a minimum of 90% of the rooms. This could also be why the inspections seem worse than in other locations.

**COVID-19 Report**

Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department continues to provide reports to the Springdale community. Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department is continuing to provide the weekly report. Since the Springdale Health Department has been very focused on vaccination clinics over the last several weeks, Mr. Clayton has not been sending out the daily dashboard reports to everyone. The regional report being given out on a weekly basis is a good indicator of what is going on. Mr. Clayton discussed that as of January 14, 2021, Hamilton County went to "purple" under the Ohio Public Health Advisory System (OPHAS). Currently, Hamilton County was the only county in Ohio with the purple designation. Mr. Clayton felt that this recent spike in cases may have been due to families gathering and not taking proper precautions. Mr. Clayton advised the Ohio Department of Health had not mandated additional actions or closures (e.g., face to face learning in K-12 schools) based on the purple designation in OPHAS.

More information concerning schools was recently released by ODH. The OSCE Study demonstrated that the risk of COVID transmission for the masked children in proximity to a COVID positive child was comparable to the risk for children in surrounding classrooms. Accordingly, ODH changed the quarantine requirements for Ohio children in K-12 school. If the children were masked in the classroom environment, they were no longer required to quarantine. Prior to the OSCE Study, many Ohio K-12 school children were being sent home for 14 days who were otherwise healthy and had no symptoms. Children exposed at a sporting event or on a sports team, unmasked during the game are still subject to a quarantine period. If the children are exposed in the lunchroom where they are not masked, there is a potential for quarantine. So, there is still some quarantining, but it's a lot less for the children.

Mr. Clayton asked if there were any other questions at this point. Dr. Ketring asked why Hamilton County is so different than other surrounding counties. Mr. Clayton stated that the numbers across the board are higher and the thresholds for us, the positivity rate for Hamilton County is higher. Also, the number of hospitalizations per 100,000 individuals was higher. Looking at those numbers, we're a little bit higher. Dr. Ketring wanted to know the root cause of why those numbers are higher in Hamilton County versus other surrounding counties that are red. Mr. Clayton believes that population density has a great deal to do with Hamilton County becoming "purple". While Butler also has a larger population, it is still not as densely populated as Hamilton County, and therefore maintained its "red" status. Mr. Clayton stated that the way in which OPHAS is set up, and how the data is gathered, Mr. Clayton felt that put Hamilton County at a disadvantage. The counties that have gone "purple" in the past; Montgomery County, Franklin County, and now Hamilton County, it is interesting that those are counties that have a high population density. Mr. Clayton stated that he would investigate further as to the reason for the difference.

Mayor Webster wanted some clarification as to what Governor DeWine stated regarding the next tier being able to be vaccinated, which would be moving from Tier 1A (first responders), to Tier 1B senior citizens. Mr. Clayton stated that Nurse Ellis has been diligently working on vaccinating as many Tier 1A individuals as possible. This also includes as many doctor's offices, dental offices, home healthcare agencies, and school nurses as possible just to name a few. Nurse Ellis has had two clinics a week since the week of December 22, 2020. Nurse Ellis also has a clinic scheduled for Friday evening, January 15 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Springdale Community Center in the auxiliary gym. Phase 1B is scheduled to pick up on January 18<sup>th</sup>. At that time, we are to vaccinate individuals over the age of 80, then the following week is individuals 75 and older, then the week after individuals 70 and older. The limiting factor is vaccine availability. Thus far, only 130,000 doses of vaccine have been provided across the State. Just to qualify the number of people in our State who are age 80 and above, is 430,000. There is a huge gap between the amount of vaccine that has been provided, and the amount of vaccine that is needed to meet the population's needs. Every time Mr. Clayton gets a call from the State, he mentions Springdale's numbers. At this point in time, Springdale has received only 500 doses. Mr. Clayton noted that unless the State starts allocating more doses, we will soon run out of doses. Mayor Webster asked if that means we are in good shape as far as vaccination progress for Tier 1A. Mr. Clayton stated that Phase 1A has seven different prioritizations and that while we will begin vaccinating Tier 1B, we will still be working to finish up Tier 1A.

Mr. Clayton asked for Nurse Ellis' input regarding the approximate timeline for the two tiers. Nurse Ellis stated that it is simply impossible to complete Tier 1A completely before moving on to Tier 1B. Nurse Ellis stated that she is trying to complete Tier 1A, but the Council on Aging has more individuals to be vaccinated than even the clinic she is doing on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Then, starting Tier 1B the following week, and our current waiting list is over 530 individuals and we currently only have 200 doses to administer. Tier 1A will also be receiving their second dose the same week that Tier 1B is to start. The list was started to assist individuals who are not as computer savvy to register on a website or may possibly not have access to a computer. Of the people on that list, 190 people called today. Mr. Clayton has requested assistance in answering phone calls as people request to be placed on the waiting list. Mr. Clayton wanted to commend Nurse Ellis for setting up clinics to get as many as 500 individuals vaccinated when larger health departments appear to be lagging behind. Mrs. Emerson mentioned that many individuals do not realize the work behind the scenes in preparing these clinics, calling individuals to come to the clinics, the extra staff to enter the information into the system as well as preparing for future clinics and making sure

individuals return for their second doses. Mr. Clayton stated he suspects this will be similar situation to the H1N1 vaccine distribution in 2009. In effect, SHD will receive a small weekly allotment of doses initially, followed by a 'flood' of vaccines. Nurse Ellis has been preparing for larger clinics by staffing it with nurses and some of our Springdale EMT's whenever possible. Mr. Clayton has also been reaching out to previous interns and local colleges to have more interns to help handle phone calls as well as the information that needs to be entered into the Ohio Department of Health's Impact website within 24 hours after an individual receives a vaccine.

Mr. Clayton stated that there had been 738 COVID-19 cases at the time of this meeting. Mr. Clayton included dates of upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics in his report. The larger clinics will be held in the auxiliary gym in order to keep it safe for individuals receiving the vaccine. Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department has received a COVID-19 grant of over \$20,000. There is also an additional \$31,000 start for the COVID-19 grant for 2021. This grant money will be used to help staff the clinics as well as any additional supplies that may be needed and not initially supplied with the vaccines. Mr. Clayton stated that while the Springdale Health Department has had two clinics a week so far, it is likely that it will soon be three clinics a week to keep up with demand, as long as the vaccine supply continues.

Mr. Squires asked what Springdale residents should do in order to be included in these upcoming clinics. Mr. Clayton stated that individuals are calling to be placed on the Springdale Health Department's waiting list, and will be called to schedule an appointment for an upcoming clinic.

Mayor Webster asked Mr. Clayton if local retirement communities such as MapleKnoll, Baldwin Grove, and Brookdale are being served with the COVID-19 vaccine. Mr. Clayton stated that CVS and Walgreens have contracts with the State of Ohio to vaccinate at congregant care facilities. But, the caveat to that is that independent living facilities are not included. So, there is a population that falls under Tier 1B that the Springdale Health Department will be responsible for getting those residents vaccinated. That will start next week under Tier 1B.

Nurse Ellis stated that, knowing that Tier 1B was coming, she reached out to MapleKnoll. Brookdale does not have independent living. MapleKnoll, The Meadows that is next door, and Baldwin Grove all have independent living units within their retirement communities. At MapleKnoll, their Assisted Living Skilled Nursing Facility is covered through their pharmacy program, but the independent living is not. That would fall to the Springdale Health Department. Just in between, MapleKnoll has over 300 independent, next to it is The Meadows, which has 150 independent living. Across the street at Baldwin Grove, they have several hundred. Just in that area, there is a concentration of 700 people for one dose, for Tier 1B, while the Springdale Health Department is only receiving 200 doses next week to start the process, and, it is unclear as to exactly when the 200 doses will be delivered to the Springdale Health Department. Nurse Ellis stated that because of an unknown date of delivery, it is impossible to schedule a clinic to get Tier 1B even started until she knows of an actual date for vaccine delivery.

#### **P.H.A.B. Accreditation**

Site visit is still to be rescheduled. PHAB has suggested a site visit in March, and Mr. Clayton suggested that perhaps the site visit should be in May. The confirmed date has yet to be determined.

**Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program**

Mr. Clayton gave information regarding the amounts that will be received in the upcoming months from the MAC Program. The Springdale Health Department is expected to receive \$8,308 for November 2020.

**Food Program**

Home2Suites has recently been approved for operation, but it is believed that rooms have not been available to be rented yet. Bugatti's Restaurant is approved, but plans to begin operation in early February 2021 for the Super Bowl. Juicy Crab on Princeton Pike is in operation. Aldi's has submitted plans for a grocery store at 425 East Kemper Road.

**Springdale Offering Support**

Mr. Clayton stated that the 2020 SOS Adopt a Family Holiday Program was a large success. Mr. Clayton wanted to thank the individuals the supported the Adopt a Family Program this year. There was concern at the beginning that perhaps there would not be as large donation from local businesses due to so many businesses having employees working remotely and not physically being at an office to drop off non-perishable items. Local businesses and Springdale residents came through for the program and assisted 81 local families that were in need. The families were provided with food, clothing, gifts, and/or gift cards this year. Of the 81 families that were assisted, 76 of those families were adopted and five of those families were sponsored by Springdale Offering Support from the donations received this year. Because of the large outpouring of support, SOS was able to assist 11 additional families in need and provided with a \$100 gift card from Kroger. Mr. Clayton wanted to thank Keenan Riordan from the Springdale Police Department, Elizabeth Johnson from the Springdale Recreation Department, as well as Debra Boggs of the Springdale Health Department for the collaborative efforts to keep the program running smoothly despite COVID-19 making this a more challenging year. Mr. Clayton also wanted to thank all the Springdale Departments that assisted with giftwrapping and sorting of food when it was needed.

Public Health Nurse's Report

Mrs. Ellis, RN

**Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report**

Nurse Ellis stated that the November 2020 report came in late and she printed out the December 2020 report. She also discussed the Narcan Usage report that was originally included in the Board of Health members' packets for November and December 2020. She asked if any Board of Health members had questions regarding the Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report. There were no questions.

**Communicable Disease Report**

Nurse Ellis reminded the Board of Health members that the Hamilton County Public Health Communicable Disease Report is still on a weekly basis since their monthly reports have been suspended until further notice. Nurse Ellis pointed out that for the first week of December 2020, there were 4,754 COVID-19 cases for Hamilton County alone. This is believed to be a direct result of gatherings after Thanksgiving.

**Childhood Immunization Clinic**

Clinic appointments continue to be booked and the Springdale Health Department is currently scheduling for May 2021. Part of the reason for the appointments being booked out so far ahead is that the Springdale Health Department has had to "space out" the clinic times for COVID-19 safety at this time, which means less appointment times available for each clinic.

### **Mass Vaccination Planning**

Nurse Ellis gave an update on current vaccinations occurring at this time. Tier 1A continues to be vaccinated. The first clinics were for the Springdale Fire Department EMT's. The vaccine was received on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 and she began vaccinating on Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Approximately 400 doses have been administered to Tier 1A at this time. This includes approximately 40 different facilities, which includes Home Health Agencies. Council on Aging has 200, Home Front Nursing had 100 staff as well. Nurse Ellis indicated that Tier 1A will continue for the month of January. Tier 1B will be gradually added as finishing up Tier 1A. As time allows, eligible Tier 1A individuals will be notified to schedule appointments. Appointments are necessary in order to maintain a low number of individuals in the vaccine clinic for the safety of the individuals to receiving the vaccine, as well as the staff. Soon, a Friday evening clinic or a Saturday morning clinic will be added as well.

Nurse Ellis has reached out the local schools within the City of Springdale to get an estimate of the amount of teachers and staff that will need to be vaccinated for schools to reopen by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The second dose vaccine for EMT's will begin next week. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has indicated that no vaccines should be "held back" in order to prepare for second dose. Another shipment of vaccines will be shipped to the Springdale Health Department to ensure that all individuals that received their first dose from us, will receive their second dose from us as well. Dr. Ketring asked if when the second dose is scheduled to arrive, does ODH inform the Springdale Health Department that it is strictly for a second dose. Nurse Ellis stated that certain lot numbers have been assigned to each of these vaccines, and when receiving an email regarding a specific dose type, the lot number is indicated. Meaning the lot number will specify then if it is a first dose or a second dose on the email. Mayor Webster asked if the vaccine dosage for the first dose is the same amount as the second dose. Nurse Ellis confirmed that was the case. However, once an individual receives a certain type of vaccine, they need to continue with that specific type of vaccine for the second dose as well. Meaning, Pfizer has to remain Pfizer for the second dose, and Moderna remains Moderna for the second dose. Nurse Ellis brought in the portable vaccine cold storage unit that she uses when transporting the vaccine to the clinics. Mr. Squires asked what the difference was between the Pfizer vaccine and the Moderna vaccine. Nurse Ellis stated that the Pfizer vaccine has a first dose amount of 0.3ml and Moderna is 0.5 ml. Storage and handling requirements are also different for the vaccines. Pfizer was to be stored in ultra-cold temperatures, which needs a -70 degree freezer to store it. The timing between the first and second dose is also different. Moderna is 28 days, while Pfizer is 21 days. Mrs. Hart asked if the Springdale Health Department had been receiving phone calls from local dental offices to schedule vaccines. Nurse Ellis indicated that she had been. Dr. Ketring asked what the significance of allergic reactions has been at this time. Nurse Ellis stated that she had not witnessed any allergic reactions on site. There was one individual who almost passed out, this was due to the individual's reaction to being stuck by a needle. Nurse Ellis indicated that she had two reports in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). It is a federal system for any vaccine that is administered. One report was an individual that had indicated that approximately 25 minutes after receiving the vaccine, the individual had felt dizzy, felt like they had a lump in their throat, and some difficulty breathing. The individual then drove to the hospital and while there, a shot of Benadryl. Within ten minutes, the individual felt fine. The hospital did tell the individual that they did have an allergic reaction to the vaccine, and advised that they not get the second dose. The other individual had a delayed local reaction. It was nine days after the individual received the vaccine that they individual had pain, redness and swelling on the injection site. The individual went to their doctor, and the doctor stated that it was a local reaction to the vaccine, gave the individual antibiotics to take, but to wait a few days to see if the reaction would

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go away on its own. Those were the only two reports of allergic reactions out of 400 doses administered. Nurse Ellis wanted to state that the assistance of the Springdale Community Center, Springdale Fire Department, Springdale Building Department, as well as numerous volunteers have helped to make these clinics to run as smoothly as possible.

**Board of Health Discussion**

Mayor Webster wanted to briefly discuss the changes to the SOS Adopt a Family for 2020. Mr. Clayton is in charge of organizing the program, but due to COVID-19 and its challenges, had able-bodied staff to assist him in adapting to the changes in the program this year due to COVID-19 with volunteers and also the distribution of gifts to individuals. Because of this, a record number of families were assisted this year and the goal for December 2021 is to serve 100 families. Mayor Webster wanted to thank Mr. Clayton and the staff who made this possible for a successful program for 2020. The support from Board of Health members was also greatly appreciated.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner