



Springdale Board of Health  
February 11, 2021

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Board of Health Members

Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Carol Quinlan-Hall, Dr. Ketring, James Squires  
Dr. Webb, Medical Advisor

Others Present

Mayor Webster  
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 considered. Hearing no questions or objections, the minutes of the December 10, 2020 were accepted unanimously.

City Council Report

Mayor Webster gave the City Council Report since Mrs. Emerson was absent.

His report is as follows:

**February 3, 2020**

Ordinance No. 49-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.252(F)(8) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO

The proposed amendments would allow a non-recreational trailer to be stored in an unenclosed area on residential property provided it is located in the side or rear yard of the property, at a distance farther than five feet from the property line, and parked on an improved surface or concrete or asphalt. That passed with a 6-1 vote.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

**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. Hart expressed concern regarding the Days Inn inspection which included cigarette holes in the sheets. Mr. Clayton stated that several hotels, if they haven't already, are transitioning to non-smoking hotels completely. The Days Inn, however, has not done that and does have a certain percentage of rooms that are smoking rooms. Dr. Ketring asked what would be done in the future regarding Days Inn. Mr. Clayton stated that the inspection of 90% of the rooms for hotel inspections would continue. Mr. Clayton also felt that with Home2Suites now opening, this may create a more competitive business environment for the Springdale hotels. Mr. Clayton theorized that the hotel operators may need to make continuous improvements to their hotels in order to turn a profit against the competition. Mr. Clayton stated also that some of these inspection results are a direct result of the price point that they are trying to rent the rooms for. Dr. Ketring expressed concern regarding the health and safety of these rooms regardless of the price point of the rooms. While Mr. Clayton agreed that a follow up inspection could have occurred, he also stated that if the situation was taken care of "on the spot", it is possible that there would not be a follow up inspection. Mr. Clayton agreed to get further information from the inspector regarding this complaint. Dr. Ketring asked what would be the timeframe for a follow up inspection. A seven-day turnaround on a general issue would be considered standard protocol. However if it is an issue that it is an imminent threat to public health, then the turnaround would be one to three days. The reason for a longer turnaround time for a standard inspection would be that there are several items that need to be repaired or resolved and it may take a longer period of time. The re-inspection could also happen with 14 days depending on the volume of work involved to correct the issue from the time of inspection. Dr. Ketring asked if one room or several rooms would be re-inspected. Mr. Clayton stated that it would depend on the type of inspection. If it was a standard complaint regarding one room, then that room would be re-inspected. If it was several rooms due to a regular inspection, which would be 90% of the rooms, then all rooms that had issues to be corrected, would then be re-inspected at that time.

Dr. Ketring also had a question regarding the complaint from Dave and Busters. He asked what the procedure was if an individual called in with an anonymous complaint. Mr. Clayton stated that the inspection would be completed and at this point there could be another organization completing the inspection. Currently, some inspections are being completed by a group within the Bureau of Worker's Compensation that is going out and to retail facilities and doing inspections. If a complaint comes in to us, it will depend on what type of facility it is. Some of these will go to the Bureau of Worker's Compensation, and some will stay "in-house". This inspection stayed "in-house" because it is a food service operation (FSO). This location is different from other food service operations because the majority of their business is not food sales, or liquor sales; it is the huge game room. As a rule, the Springdale Health Department will go in there, because this facility has a food license. That is normally what would be inspected. Normally, the game room is not a location of this FSO that would be inspected. In terms of the pandemic, this makes for a completely different situation. In this case, we would still need to regulate what goes on in the kitchen, and in the bar area, but, now there is the added potential for the spread of COVID-19, where a lot of surfaces would be touched. This gives the inspector an added opportunity to talk about the use of gloves, hand sanitizer, and social distancing and procedure. Dr. Ketring expressed concern that with the large amounts of items being posted on social media, and that complainants are

allowed to remain anonymous. While Mr. Clayton did state that complainants stating their name and contact information are easier to deal with, there are some times when an anonymous complaint may be safer for the complainant, especially in the case of it being a current employee. Dr. Ketring also asked if an individual did give their name, but asked for it to be kept out of the complaint, would that be acceptable. Mr. Clayton stated that the concern there is that, while that may be currently acceptable for our Health Department to leave the individual's name off at this time, who is to say, that, down the road a new Health Commissioner comes in and is unaware of the situation, and the individual's name is published under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

#### **COVID-19 Report**

While the weekly numbers have increased slightly, overall, the case numbers are beginning to trend downward, but the vaccination efforts may have had an effect on the numbers as well. Mr. Clayton is hopeful that during the summer there will be a significant decrease in COVID-19 cases due to continued vigilance in the wearing of masks, social distancing, vaccination efforts, and the weather helping to decrease the amount of communicable diseases of a respiratory nature. Discussion began regarding recent events at the Mi Cozumel restaurant. Mr. Clayton stated intent to investigate the reported issues and gain compliance with state guidelines.

#### **Springdale CDBG-CV Grant for Food Operations in Springdale**

And, the Springdale Health Department had success with the Small Business Assistance Program. The Springdale Health Department was able to get the \$100,000 grant from Hamilton County Planning and Development. The one page application, and, the required documents from Hamilton County Planning and Development. That information all went out via email to the local Springdale business owners and then all businesses received this information in their food license renewal packets. The food service operators in Springdale have a chance to receive up to \$5,000 per operation as assistance. It is a grant. It is not a loan. But, the qualification is that they businesses have to demonstrate that they had a high percentage of lost revenue resulting from the pandemic. Those who can demonstrate the highest percentage of lost revenue from a period of time in 2019 to a period of time in 2020 will be awarded the grant. So, 20 or more food operations in Springdale will get up to \$5,000. In Governor DeWine's recent proposal, there is a lot more money and assistance for small business. The hope is that the Springdale Health Department will be able to pass out the \$100,000. The businesses have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to turn in this documentation. In March and April, Mr. Clayton will be able to examine the applications and determine who has the greatest percentage of demonstrated loss and then checks will be cut to the local businesses. Mr. Clayton hopes that the money will be able to be distributed by early May.

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

Mr. Clayton stated that the PHAB virtual site visit has been scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### **Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program**

Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department is due to receive \$7,685 for its recent participation in the ODH MAC time study. The next time study will be held from February 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Food Program**

Home 2 Suite, which is located on Pictoria Drive is now providing a limited pre-packaged breakfast menu for individuals who are “on-the-go”. Bugatti’s Restaurant, located at 340 Glensprings has set an opening date of February 5, 2021. Plans have now been approved for the Aldi grocery store on January 28, 2021. The store will be located at 425 East Kemper, site of the former Michael’s store.

**Awards and Recognition**

Mr. Clayton stated he did have good news to report in the recognition of the Springdale Health Department who received a Resolution in Recognition of Distinguished Service from the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) for their COVID-19 response.

The Springdale Health Department was also recognized by the County Behavioral Health Authorities with a Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Service in leading communities’ efforts to combat the Coronavirus pandemic.

Mr. Clayton wanted to recognize several members of the Springdale Health Department staff for their continued efforts and dedication to the Springdale Health Department’s COVID-19 community response. Those individuals include Nurse Amy Ellis, Ella Jergens, Terry Metz, Debra Boggs, Becky Carrasco, and Amanda Sias. Their extensive efforts to support the COVID-19 vaccination efforts are also greatly appreciated.

Several seasonal nurses have been providing COVID-19 vaccinations at the clinics as well. These nurses include Pat Baker, Peggy Boyle, Lena Fogle, and Amy Kruep.

Several Student interns have provided support before, during, and after the clinics as well. These individuals include Maame-Saa Arko, and Lauren Smith. Other interns are scheduled to begin internships at the Springdale Health Department in April or May, including Serena Kaul, Sydney Kennard, and Griffin Richardson.

Our previous Springdale Health Department Nurse, Jeanne Hicks has volunteered her time to vaccinate individuals. U.C. student and Springdale resident Natasha Nutter has volunteered her time by returning phone calls from the overwhelming volume of voice mails the Springdale Health Department has received so that individuals can have their questions answered, or be placed on our COVID-19 vaccination waiting list.

The SOS Adopt a Family Program was reorganized this year through the efforts of Debra Boggs, Keenan Riordan, and Elizabeth Johnson. Their teamwork greatly assisted in a smooth transition from beginning to end.

Public Health Nurse’s Report

Mrs. Ellis, RN

**Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report**

Nurse Ellis reminded the Board of Health members that the Hamilton County Overdose Report for January 2021 was unavailable at the time of the delivery of the Board of Health packets. She hoped to have that information at the next Board of Health meeting.

**Naloxone Report**

The Naloxone usage report for January 2021 was also unavailable at the time of the delivery of the Board of Health packets. She hoped to have this report as well for the next Board of Health meeting.

**Communicable Disease Report**

Nurse Ellis stated that while the Hamilton County Public Health Communicable Disease monthly reports were still suspended until further notice, she included the weekly reports from Hamilton County Public Health. The good news in the weekly reports is a noticeable decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases in Week One which was 4,174, and dropped to 3,674 in Week Two, and then 3,139 in Week Three. While there are other diseases still occurring, COVID-19 still appears to have the largest amount of cases once again. For the month on December 2020, Springdale had a total of 203 COVID-19 cases.

**Mass Vaccination Clinics – Mass Vaccination Planning**

Nurse Ellis stated that the Springdale Health Department is currently vaccinating Tier 1A and Tier 1B. Nurse Ellis noted that continued assistance from the Springdale Community Center, the Springdale Fire Department, the Springdale Building Department, and numerous volunteers are making it possible for the clinics to continue. As of February 4, 2021, the Springdale Health Department has received 1,800 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Of those doses, the Springdale Health Department has given over 1,350 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. That is approximately 75% of the doses that the Springdale Health Department has received. The Springdale Health Department currently had three vaccine clinics a week at the Springdale Community Center.

Nurse Ellis stated that several COVID-19 vaccine clinics have been scheduled within the City of Springdale. On January 28, an on-site clinic was held at the Meadows and over 100 residents were vaccinated. On February 5, 2021 an on-site clinic was recently held at Cincinnati Center for Autism and approximately 50 staff members were vaccinated. Also on February 5, 2021, an additional clinic was held at the Springdale Community Center, and approximately 100 staff members of Heritage Hill Elementary and Springdale Elementary were vaccinated. There will be an upcoming on-site clinic at Calvary Academy to vaccinate staff on February 19, 2021. There was good news for MapleKnoll independent living residents as they were able to receive vaccines from Walgreens.

**Board of Health Discussion**

No items for discussion.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner