



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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### **Town of Holden Board of Health Meeting – Remote Meeting January 18, 2022**

**Members Present** - Mr. Michael Mazloff, Michelle O'Rourke

**Others Present:** Pamela Harding – Director Planning & Development, Secretary, Tim Newton – Health Agent, Helen Ganas – Public Health Nurse, Denise Monteiro – Recording Secretary, Melissa Tuomi – Resident

Michael Mazloff called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021**

Michelle made a motion to approve, Michael seconded – APPROVED

### **Housing/Nuisance**

Tim Newton reported there were no new, substantiated housing complaints for December 2021.

### **Food Inspections**

Tim Newton reported there were a handful of food inspections. 4 Ever Golf opened their establishment. Quinn's Blue Plate had a confirmed Norovirus outbreak in their Worcester restaurant, they voluntarily closed the Holden location to deep clean and sanitize.

### **COVID**

Helen Ganas reported there were 703 cases this month. Home tests are not being reported so numbers of cases could be higher. Vaccination rates are high for Holden. Omicron is strong, cases are high everywhere.

### **PCR Testing in the Area**

Michael Mazloff asked Melissa Tuomi to speak as she has concerns with testing availability in the area. Melissa said testing is inconsistent, due to the holiday surge more people are looking to get tested and there doesn't seem to be enough testing sites available. The state is now offering free home test kits. Pam Harding stated there is testing site in Worcester on Commercial Street and Ready Med on Shrewsbury Street in Holden also offers testing.

### **COVID-19 Advisory**

Michael Mazloff stated he has spoken to other surrounding towns who have the mask mandate. It helps to have the town officials on board, however there does not seem to be comfort in having a mask mandate in Holden.

Michael drafted a Covid-19 Advisory to which he would like the board to review.

Michelle stated she approves of the drafted Covid-19 Advisory

Pam Harding stated that the advisory should be acceptable to administration where it is an advisory not a mandate. The advisory was forwarded to the Town Manager, just waiting for a response.

Michelle O'Rourke made a motion to approve the Covid-19 Advisory, Michael Mazloff seconded –  
**APPROVED**

Michael asked that the document be posted on the Town website

**Next Meeting February 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

**Adjourned 6:24 pm**