

Weekly Video Update, February 7, 2022

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week (not including yesterday) according to our MAVEN data was 37, down from 48 of last week. So, we have definitely seen a drop from last week to this week. This number does not include home testing that was reported to the BOH or school department by parents or individuals. The total number of cases reported to the BOH, including home tests over the last two weeks was 153, down from 278 reported last week. We have a positivity rating over the last 14 days at 11.33%, down from 16.5% of last week. Plymouth County is at 14.64%, down from 19.82% of last week. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 5.63% down from the previous week of 8.92. Numbers are trending down across the board.

We continue to urge everyone to get vaccinated. Vaccinations and boosters are widely available. Anyone over the age of 5 is eligible to be vaccinated. Boosters are available for over age 5 with the Pfizer vaccine. Last week there was a stat that said if you are vaccinated and boosted, you are 100 times less likely to die from Covid complications. Mr. Boudreau urged all to get vaccinated and boosted.

2. CodeRed announcement went out last week to all residents of Plymouth County. The Town of Marshfield is offering a free Covid 19 vaccine and test clinic at the Marshfield Fairgrounds for all Plymouth County residents. Beginning on Tuesday February 8, 2022, the Town of Marshfield is offering a COVID 19 vaccine and testing site at the Marshfield Fairgrounds, 61 South River Street in Marshfield. The clinic is open for all Plymouth County residents on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9 am-3pm. Appointments can be made by logging onto www.marshfieldcares.com or the service is also available for walk-ins. The clinic has all 3 vaccines and boosters, if you have your vaccination card, please bring it with you. The vaccinations and test are done through a drive thru operation that is free and convenient.
3. An update on the rescue of the scallop boat fisherman from last Tuesday. All three of the fisherman rescued are out of the hospital and are doing fine. He thanked the resident who called it in. Again, an outstanding job by Scituate Fire, Harbormaster and Police units as well as the Marshfield Harbor Master. What could have been a tragedy was averted by the quick action of a bystander calling 911 and public safety units.
4. Widows Walk project is on -going and the floor is going down this week. The RFP for operation of food concessions is back out. We met with some interested parties so we hope to get a bid on operating concessions.
5. I know people are tired of shoveling and cleaning up after the weekend, but with warmer temperatures forecast for later this week we will have melting of snow during the day. This can cause icy conditions at night when that water freezes so use caution when driving. In addition, we are looking at rain possibly today and tomorrow so please shovel

out any storm drains near you. We would also ask that if there is a fire hydrant near you that you and your neighbors make sure the hydrant is shoveled out and accessible.

Karen Canfield, Select Board Vice Chair

Ms. Canfield thanked the DPW for doing a great job maintaining the roads.

There are several meetings this week and all agendas are on the website calendar www.scituatema.gov and most are zoom.

Today (2/7), Conservation meets at 5:30 PM
Charter Review at 6:00 PM
CPC at 7:00 PM

Tomorrow (2/8) Assessors meet at 10:00 AM
Coastal Advisory at 6:00 PM
DEI Committee at 6:30 PM

Wed (2/9) Commission on Disabilities meets at 7:00 PM

Thursday (2/10) Planning Board meets at 6:30 PM and will be voting on zoning recommendations that will be put forth at Town Meeting in April, including by laws for cannabis zoning. This meeting is in person or virtual.
Advisory is at 7:00 PM
Planning Board will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on the zoning articles.

Finally, if you are interested in serving on an elected position (Select Board, Planning, or School Committee), there are nomination papers available at the Town Clerk's office and are due April 1st. Elections will be held in May.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Burkhead commended the town public safety workers and the Town Administrator. He is proud to be part of this community.

Covid numbers are trending downward. This week schools are down one, 39 from 40 – it was close to 200 in weeks prior. Breakdown across the district is as follows:

District Staff	0
Cushing	2
Gates	6
Hatherly	2
Jenkins	10
High School	7
Wampanatuck	12

This week we begin mask flexible at Scituate High School because we have reached 80% vaccination rate. Those unvaccinated are still strongly recommended to wear a mask, however, it is not mandated. This is in line with Mass Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) protocol.

We have a School Committee meeting tonight (2/7) which will include student celebration of learning at SHS, non -resident tuition rates, and a presentation on the state of the district by Superintendent Burkhead.

There will be a budget workshop on Saturday 2/12 via zoom and the information will be on the website.

On 2/17 at 6 PM there will be a special School Committee Meeting specifically to discuss proposed budget.

Finally, we are going through a new building project - there's a link on school website <https://scituate.k12.ma.us> "MSBA Building Project". This is where we will put important information so we can keep everyone aware of what's going on.

Ms. Canfield noted that the School is a large part of the overall budget and everyone should attend the school budget hearing.