

Weekly Covid Update, June 13, 2022

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 25, down from last week's 36. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 76 down from 91 last week. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 8.97% up .10% from 8.87% of last week. Plymouth County is at 7.1%, down from last week's 8.36%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 6.53% down from the previous week of 7.73%. Statewide there are 54 individuals in ICU down from 70 of last week. 18 patients are intubated, down from 19 of last week. So declining numbers across the board as the weather gets nicer.
2. Water update. The reservoir remained was at +1.75" yesterday, up from 1.00" last week. Tack Factory pond was at +1.75% up from last week's measurement +1.00" last week. Average daily demand was at 1.553 mgpd, down from 1.669 mgpd of last week's usage. Summer usage numbers have begun! Please do your part to conserve water as we enter the heavy water use season. Manganese measured at the WTP is high enough to cause discolored. As the temperatures rise, so will the Manganese levels in the water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was 2.02" measured at the Plant.

A reminder that as of 5/1 the state required water restrictions are in place. These restrictions are issued by the state. All outdoor watering must occur before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm. Automatic irrigation systems can be used one day per week as designated by the Scituate Water Division according to precinct. Information is available at www.scituatema.gov/water-division

3. The water department will be holding an "Open House" at the water treatment plant tomorrow (June 14th) from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Residents can learn about the current water treatment process at the Old Oaken Bucket Treatment Plant and about the piloting process that has taken place to identify the proposed treatment process for the new water treatment facility.
4. In addition to the open house, residents can go to the town web site or go to www.ScituateSurvey.com to take a brief survey about the proposed new treatment plant. The survey will ask for your email address which we will use to send news and updates as we move forward in the process.
5. With water updates and spring comes a proliferation of car wash fund raisers. Just a reminder to those planning a car wash, prior permission of the water department is required. Please contact the water department at 781-545-8735

6. The Sanctuary at Herring Brook will be holding a lottery for the affordable housing units on August 8, 2022. A public information session will be held via Zoom on June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be received at SEB Housing by 2:00 pm on July 25, 2022. This information will be posted on the town web site or you can go to sebhousing.com and click “Affordable Housing Opportunities” at the top of the page for more details.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

Covid numbers for the week are 28, trending up slightly from 21 last week. School Breakdown:

District 1
Cushing 1
Gates 7
Hatherly 1
Jenkins 3
SHS 13
Wampatuck 2

School Committee Meeting is tonight at 6 PM and includes celebrating student learning with Hatherly, recognition of retirees, a presentation on the state of the schools from Jenkins as well as sharing thought exchange from a recent survey; Each school will share their school improvement plan. In addition, we will assign liaison to other boards as well as determine summer meeting dates. Assistant Superintendent Driscoll will discuss enrollment numbers. Last day of school is June 27th which will be a half day and Monday, June 20th there is no school for Juneteenth. We will be holding a public-school celebration in the Gates Dining Commons between 1 – 2 PM.

Finally, shout out to all our athletic teams, coaches and directors. Baseball was the #12 seed but lost to Falmouth. Boys tennis was the 8th seed but lost to Amherst/Pelham, Boys lacrosse was 4th seed and won first round to Whitman Hanson 19-3 but lost in the second round to Westwood, 7-3. Girls lacrosse, 9th seed, is still alive and won their first round against Falmouth 19-12 and will play today against Girls tennis will be playing in the state semis – time TBD.

Mr. Burkhead was invited to Gates 8th Grade classes; Mr. Robinson’s and Mr. Gillespie’s classes who are working on civics projects. They discussed technology implementation at the schools, middle school athletics and local town government.

Jim Boudreau provided meetings this week, all of which can be found on town calendar

<https://www.scituate.ma.gov/calendar/month>

Monday:

Community Preservation Committee meets tonight 7 pm

Tuesday:

Advisory at 6 PM

Beach Commission at 6 PM

Select Board 6:30 PM

Public Building Commission at 7 PM

Water Resources at 7 PM

Wednesday

Charter Review at 6 PM

Affordable Housing Trust at 6:30 PM

Historical Commission at 7 PM

Shellfish Advisory at 7 PM

Thursday

Zoning Board of Appeals at 7 PM>

Monday is the Juneteenth holiday and we will see everyone on Tuesday for the update.