

City Health Board Meeting Discussion Record
March 15, 2021

Voting members in attendance: Dr. Mary Milroy, Mayor Nathan Johnson and City Manager Amy Leon.

Ex Officio members in attendance: City Attorney Ross Den Herder, Police Commander Jason Foote, Community Development Manager Brad Bies, and Community and Economic Development Director Dave Mingo.

City Manager Leon called the meeting to order and introduced the board members for the benefit of the viewing public. She then discussed the time of next week's meeting. It will be at 1:30 on Monday instead of the normal 2:00 starting time.

The committee then reviewed the updated metrics. COVID-19 related hospitalizations at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital are down to zero. Active cases are seeing little change, up one from last week. Vaccinations are going well and the number of people vaccinated is probably larger than what is reported because of a number of factors.

Leon reported that Hy-Vee and Walmart continue to administer vaccinations in addition to Avera. There are reports that Walmart has some of the Janssen, Johnson and Johnson single-dose vaccine available. The committee stated their hope that the single dose vaccine may convince some otherwise hesitant people, or people with problems scheduling two times, to get vaccinated.

Dr. Milroy stated that she has no new recommendations for the committee. She stated her appreciation to Avera for how well the vaccination process is going. She advised that we maintain our protocol because active cases are still level and not dropping.

Mayor Johnson added that the Avera Vaccination Clinic provided 840 doses this week which is triple what had been done in any previous week. He stated Avera is also scheduled to get some of the Janssen, Johnson and Johnson vaccine in the near future and their plan is to distribute those to the more challenging populations.

It was reported that over 70 percent of the Tier 1D people that wanted the vaccine have received at least the first dose.

Den Herder, Foote, Bies and Mingo had no further items to consider. They stated they are pleased to see vaccination rates going up rapidly.

Motion by Milroy and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye - Johnson, Milroy and Leon. Motion passes.