

Ware Board of Health Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022 / Selectmen's Meeting Room

Present: John Desmond, Katrina Velle, Jennifer McMartin

In Attendance: Andrea Crete, Betty Barlow, Judy Metcalf, Stuart Beckley

John called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced the meeting is being audio recorded.

APPOINTMENT

- Republic Services General Manager Joe Barry and Amias Callender are present. Due to complaints the Board of Health office has received regarding Republic Services not picking up residents' trash as well as emptying dumpsters very early mornings the Board of Health mailed a letter requesting their attendance at this meeting.(see attached letter). Joe Barry stated when he started working for Republic mid-July their initial issue was staffing and lack of drivers due to pay rate. Have since completed a wage analysis and raised rates to be comparable to other locations. As of next week they will be fully staffed and still looking to hire 7-8 more drivers to have on standby to cover vacations and sick days. Andrea stated the office has not received any more complaints and asked if they have a policy regarding hours for picking up trash due to resident complaints of pick up happening at 3:00am. They say their commercial contracts that start about 3am to pick up at businesses before they open. Amias states that unfortunately there are some residences that utilize the commercial service which creates a unique situation but the residential team trucks are not in residential areas prior 7am. He says they will work on correcting the early morning residential pick up and if need be converting them back to residential containers. Some residential customers feel it's better financially to use the commercial service. Jennifer talked about the communication issues this office had trying to contact anyone from Republic Services and asked how this can be corrected so if any issues in future we can reach someone. Joe Barry states that Republic is now using a customer service line and no longer to someone in their office so he provided his business card so he can be contacted directly at cell# 413-356-5004 or email at jbarry2@republicservices.com. John states that at this time no further action will be taken and hopefully past issues are corrected and if any future issues we will be able to contact Republic Services.
- Ken McKenzie, Director of Natural Resources for DCR Division of Water Supply Protection, Scott Campbell DCR Regional Engineer and Jillian Whitney, Wildlife Biologist for Mass Dept of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) are all present to discuss the emergency beaver permit application they submitted that was approved for flood control but disapproved for trapping. Application is for trapping outside of season due to beaver damming across the spillway of Peppers Mill Pond raising the pond higher than its designed level and high-water levels that could damage the structural integrity of the man-made dam. Ken states that this has been a long-standing condition at this location that DCR has been dealing with and Jill has documentation that they have never been denied before. They have been dealing with it most of time during the trapping season but never denied by the town. In this case the beaver dam is not only causing issue at beaver structure where beaver is damming at but also at dam that holds back water that provides 3 million people public drinking water. Jillian states they always try to work with the beaver and have leveling devices all over their properties however in this situation given the age of the structure and condition its in the water backing up to Goodnough Dike. A flow device cannot keep up with the amount of water that needs to go down the spillway. Pretty much since 2009 they have been working with the town of Ware and never denied and usually take care of during the season but in this situation the beaver needs to be removed as soon as possible. Ken did reach out to the state biologist and they did trap the beaver for this situation however going forward they do not want to have to go through meeting to get a permit as it takes too much time putting the dike in jeopardy. They do have staff that goes in early year to try to keep it clear. Scott talked about the issue that happened back in 2009 and provided the board with copy of article (see attached) regarding the 2009 emergency water order obtained from town of Ware for stretch from Goodnough Dike to dam at Peppers Mill Pond. He

states they care for not only the 2 big dams at Goodnough Dike and Windsor Dam but also a dozen other dams on property. This problem could happen again and they are trying to prevent it and feel the best approach is an ongoing trapping program to address it before it gets to an emergency level. Goodnough Dike is ½ mile upstream from Peppers Mill dam, is in high class hazard class and holds back 412 billion gallons. In 2009 there was a lot of toe drain issues with sink holes developing and seepage coming out in 10 different locations. To alleviate issues as at that time a toe drain system was installed which is basically a reverse septic system instead of putting water into the ground it taking water out of the ground to discharge down to Peppers Mill via Beaver Brook which cause beaver to create dam to back up the water. DCR is hoping to keep an ongoing trapping program for the area from Goodnough Dike to dam at Peppers Mill Pond. Andrea states the emergency trapping permit is only good for 10 days and asks if they can take care of the problem in that amount of time because we cannot give you a permit every 10 days. Ken answers that usually they can take care of issue in 10 days. Typically if they remove the beaver when first arrive more beaver do not return, instead they move on to another area. Typically a 10-day permit once a year is enough for them eliminate the issue because usually they are able to take care of the beaver during season. Jillian states that when she met with Andrea on site her crew had been there the day before and already cleared it which is why it didn't appear to be in emergency condition at that time. Scott states that as a future prevention measure they looking into dredging the full ½ mile area from Goodnough Dike to Peppers Mill. DCR already went through the court appeals process to take care of problem this year and are now here to explain their case and figure out how to prevent the issue of being denied a trapping permit in the future.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Judy forwarded an email from Attorney Arthur Kreiger to the board (see attached) for hearing officer for public hearing and his fee is \$500.00/hour. She also told them the attorney that ReSource Waste recommended is \$550.00/hour. He has a lot of experience with site assignment hearings and what she likes most about this attorney unlike the other 2 attorneys they had talked about is that Art Kreiger has no relationship with the solid waste industry, they have not been his clients so he truly will come in impartially. Judy proposes the board appoint Arthur Kreiger to be the Hearing Officer for the site assignment. John asked if Judy had anything they needed to sign and Judy responded saying she had asked Art if he wanted a letter of engagement or a contract and he said it would not be necessary, just the appointment of them accepting him as hearing officer at his hourly rate of \$500.00/hour would be sufficient for him. John motioned that the board appoint Arthur Kreiger of Anderson & Kreiger Hearing Officer at the rate of \$50.00/hour, Katrina seconded, all in favor. The board talked about hearing dates, in an emailed notice from DEP sent said they expect to issue the site suitability on October 13th which means the board has to start a public hearing by November 13th, but have to give people 21 days' notice. October 13th is a Thursday which means the following Monday 10/10 we get it in Ware River News to be published that Thursday October 13th which means the very earliest they can have their first day of this public hearing is Thursday November 10th and the last day to have the 1st day of hearing is November 13th but that's a Sunday and Sunday do not count so date last date to start is Monday November 14th. Judy expects this hearing to last 2 or 3 days of sessions. Once hearing is started the board has to complete the hearing, complete deliberations and issue a decision within 45 days of the 1st day of hearing. 45 days from November 10th is Christmas so decision would have to be made by December 26th, if start November 14th then decision needs to be made by December 29th. Judy informed board they should pick out 3 hearing dates and as many deliberation meetings as needed. Jennifer questioned how the deliberation meetings worked with Judy responding that they need to go through each criterion and decide if from everything discussed at the public hearing does ReSource meet the criteria or not. Board members decided to hold the public hearing from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on Thursday November 10, 2022, 2nd day of hearing Tuesday November 15th and 3rd day Thursday November 17th at the Ware High School Auditorium. Judy provided board with Sanborn Head's response to Mr. O'Regans comment letter and informed Mr. O'Regan he should also be receiving a response from DEP. (see attached) Kevin O'Regan questioned what part he could play in this hearing as he is not an abutter with Judy responding he that he could file as a 10-person intervener with other people abutting the park but not abutting 198 East Street and be the spokesperson. He can find more info on this at 310 CMR 16.

- Andrea provided the board with their current Tobacco regulations which are very old and a copy of the new sample regulations she obtained from Pioneer Tobacco Coalition meeting she attended. She informed board this coalition has many Hampshire County towns that belong and they do tobacco compliance checks and youth sales checks twice a year all funded by DPH. The Quabbin Health District is not currently part of the coalition and have not been for years but she is looking to get back in, which they did vote to accept us back into the coalition so the next step is to have the board review the draft regulations. She told the board it is nothing they need to vote on now but just something to review for a future time, possibly in the new year. She feels the regulations need to be updated as state regulations have changed. She told board they can now put a cap on number of tobacco permits can be issued in town and limit the locations such as within 500 feet of a school, plus fines and permit suspensions for selling to minors
- Jennifer motioned to approved meeting minutes of August 31, 2022, Katrina seconded, all in favor.
- Katrina stated she had heard the Ware school students that are testing positive for covid are coming back after 5 days and not wearing a mask. Andrea read the Cpvid-19 isolation and exposure guidance for children and staff in child care, K-12, out-of-school time and recreational camp/program settings from DPH website (see attached).

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Andrea gave board update from Public Health Nurse regarding covid-19 and monkey pox. (see attached)
- Andrea updated board on flier she received regarding aerus water testing, a company going door to door to provide free well water testing. A Ware resident contacted DEP about this because she had her well tested, they tested for nitrates and came out high so they then try to sell her some sort of expensive treatment. The resident then took a sample and brought it to Quabbin Analytical and they found her water to be well below the level which prompted her to contact DEP. Andrea received a call from DEP regarding this and they are currently investigating due to this type of testing requires to be completed by a lab, not an at home type test kit. She has not heard of any results yet so just wanted to make board aware of this so if questioned about it they can warn residents not to buy anything from them until DEP determines if the company is legitimate or not.

John motioned to adjourned at 8:00 PM, Jennifer seconded all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Barlow

Meeting minutes approved 10/19/2022



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Republic Services

Jennifer Delozier, Assistant Division Controller
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Via Certified Mail # 7021 2720 0000 8456 0868

Due to the complaints the Town of Ware has received regarding Republic Services not picking up resident's trash as scheduled as well as picking up trash very early in the morning, the matter was discussed at a scheduled Board of Health meeting on August 31, 2022. A letter and an email were sent to Republic Services notifying them of their required attendance at this meeting. On August 31, 2022, no one from Republic Services attended the Board of Health meeting to take part in discussions on the complaints the Health Department has received, and Republic Services' Trash Hauler's permit to operate in Ware being put on notice.

Therefore, the Board of Health will have its final discussion on the matter of Republic Services license renewal for 2023 at their next scheduled Board of Health meeting which will be held on September 21, 2022, at 6:05PM. A representative of Republic Services is requested to attend this meeting. Failure to attend will not delay discussion or Board of Health vote on Republic Services' 2023 Trash Hauler License renewal.

Should the Board vote to not renew Republic Services Trash Hauler License for 2023; the Board will have a notice put in the local paper to notify residents of Ware of the decision.

Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Andrea Crete, MPH, RS
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Dam inspection slated at pond

By **NANCY H. GONTER**
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WARE – The water level of Peppers Mill Pond, located off Route 9 near the Quabbin Reservoir, is being drawn down so further dam inspections can be made, David P. Kopacz, chairman of the Conservation Commission, said Monday.

Workers from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, which owns the land where the pond is located, were removing debris left by beavers when they discovered a horizontal crack in the smaller of the two dams on the pond, which is popular for fishing, Kopacz said.

"It's long and narrow. It doesn't look like much. You could drive right by it," he said.

At the request of Kopacz, the Board of Selectmen on Nov. 3 gave Interim Town Manager Mary T. Tzambazakis permission to sign an emergency certificate to allow work to proceed without following the usual process outlined in the state Wetlands Protection Act.

This will allow officials from the state to lower the wa-

ter four feet so the dam can be inspected and shored up temporarily, said Kopacz, who is also the town's conservation agent. The water level then will be raised two feet for the winter in hopes of preventing further damage when the pond freezes over, he said.

Fishing and ice fishing during the winter will still be able to happen, although the pond area will be slightly smaller, he said.

In the spring, permanent repairs are expected, but the normal process of getting formal approval and conducting a public hearing will be followed, Kopacz said.

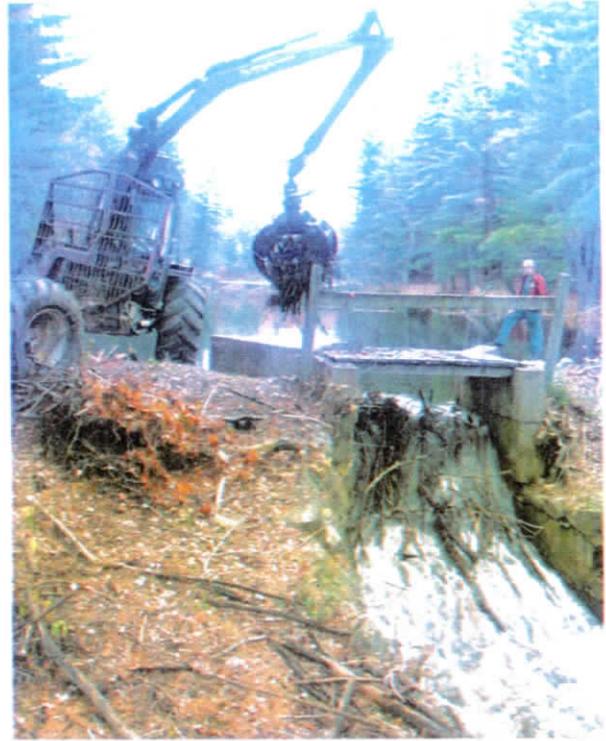
If the dam failed, water would likely pass through a culvert under Route 9 that already has been cleared of debris, Kopacz said.

"We're trying to make sure nothing happens," Kopacz said.

"I think it was a good example of how many entities can come together to fix something for the least amount of money and the common sense way to go," he said.

The state is paying for the cost of studying and repairing the dam, he said.

11-18-2009



Photos: Top Right – Beaver debris removal at Pepper's Mill Pond (2009)

Bottom - Goodnough Dike seepage at toe (1993)

Board of Health Meeting
September 21, 2022
Pepper's Mill Pond – Beaver Problems

Scott Campbell, P.E. DCR Regional Engineer

Dam Safety Issues

Registered w/Office of Dam Safety

Size: Intermediate (12.3 acres est. 54.5 ac-ft)

Hazard Class: Low

Condition: Poor

- 2009 Emergency Order issued by the Town of Ware
- 2009 Beaver debris removal and pond lowering
- 2009 Emergency repairs to outlet structure walls and scour damage

Pond levels restored to level deemed safe to minimize ponding and water pressure on compromised outlet structure



Beaver Control Alternatives

Preferred Alternative: Open or Long Term Trapping

- Avoid reactionary and "Emergency" conditions
- Avoid unsafe conditions

Not Recommended: Beaver deceiver

- Promotes ponding and high water conditions on compromised dam structure
- Can lead to Reactionary response often under unsafe conditions
- Labor intensive
- Promotes habitat and higher ponding levels within Beaver Brook reach D/S of Goodnough Dike

Goodnough Dike

Size: Large (412 billion gals)

Hazard Class: High

Condition: Good

- 1980's - 1990's – Ponding, sink hole, seepage and high water conditions at the toe led to remedial actions taken to ensure safety of the dam
- Installation of toe drain "blanket" collection system
- Investigation of and recommendation for dredging of Beaver Brook to improve D/S drainage
- Recommendation for maintenance and monitoring of conditions w/in Beaver Brook

Barlow, Betty

From: Metcalf, Judy
To: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 8:48 AM
To: John Desmond; Jennifer McMartin (jennifer.peterson@ymail.com); Katrina Velle
Cc: Barlow, Betty
Subject: Fw: Ware Board of Health Site Assignment Modification Ware ReSource LLC

See below. I'll ask Betty to include on your next agenda.

If you are all agreeable, then the motion would be to authorize the chair to sign a service agreement.

Judy

From: Arthur Kreiger <AKreiger@AndersonKreiger.com>
Sent: Monday, September 5, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Metcalf, Judy <JMetcalf@townofware.com>
Subject: RE: Ware Board of Health Site Assignment Modification Ware ReSource LLC

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Judy –

 Thank you for the call on Wednesday. As you requested, this email describes my relevant experience and rates. (Sorry I didn't respond sooner; I'm away on vacation.)

I have extensive experience regarding solid waste site assignment hearings across Massachusetts, including the following:

- I have served as the Hearing Officer for Boards of Health in approximately a dozen site assignment hearings on a variety of solid waste facilities and expansions, including:
 - A 17-night hearing in North Andover,
 - Four related hearings in Fitchburg,
 - A multi-night hearing in Holyoke,
 - A hearing in Nantucket, and
 - A multi-night hearing in Holbrook, followed by a modification hearing the following year.
- I represented the Barre Board of Health in a site assignment hearing regarding a proposed landfill expansion.
- I represented the operator of the South Hadley landfill in a site assignment hearing regarding expansion of the landfill.
- I represented Hardwick residents regarding the proposed expansion, and then closure, of a private landfill.

As we discussed, my hourly rate is \$500. I'm generally available for a hearing after DEP issues its Site Suitability Report.

I look forward to hearing from you.

 Kreiger

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From: Metcalf, Judy [mailto:JMetcalf@townofware.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Arthur Kreiger <AKreiger@AndersonKreiger.com>
Subject: Ware Board of Health Site Assignment Modification Ware ReSource LLC

Hello Mr. Kreiger,

So nice to speak to you this morning.

I have attached an email with DEP's schedule for site suitability report for you to review with regards to your availability. If you could just email me back a document with your fee and experience in these matters, I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, RS.CHO
Agent Ware Board of Health
413-345-1627

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Mr. Daniel Hall, Section Chief
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Solid Waste Management
Western Regional Office
436 Dwight Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103

September 16, 2022
File No. 5094.00

Re: ReSource Ware C&D Handling Facility
BWP SW38 Permit Application
Site Suitability Report for Major Modification of Existing Site Assignment
Response to Comment Letter

Dear Mr. Hall:

On behalf of ReSource Waste Services of Ware LLC (ReSource Ware), Sanborn Head has prepared this letter in response to a comment letter submitted to MassDEP in connection with the Site Suitability Report Permit Application (permit application) for the proposed modification of ReSource Ware's existing site assignment. The comment letter was prepared by Mr. Kevin O'Regan, who resides at 133 Church Street in Ware, and submitted to MassDEP via email on September 7, 2022. Thomas Speight of your office subsequently forwarded the email comment letter to Sanborn Head on September 9, 2022.

The comment letter expresses concern about the scale of the proposed facility expansion, the increase in operating hours, and ensuing noise and traffic impacts related to the proposed tonnage increase. As described in the permit application, the proposed facility expansion will increase the weekday operating hours from the current schedule of 7 am to 4 pm to the proposed schedule of 6 am to 6 pm on Monday through Friday.

With respect to comments regarding noise, a comprehensive sound level assessment was performed by Epsilon Associates as part of the permitting for the proposed project. The sound level assessment is summarized in Section 8.7.1 of the permit application and presented in its entirety in Appendix I of the application. The assessment found that during the proposed expanded operating hours (6 am to 7 am and 4 pm to 6 pm), the increase in sound level over the current ambient sound level is expected to be between 0 and 8 dB at the modeling receptors, which are located closer to the site than the 133 Church Street property. During other hours, no perceptible increase in sound level is anticipated. The increase over ambient is relative to the statistical L_{90} level measured during the proposed expanded operating hours. The L_{90} is a conservative estimate of the ambient sound level since it represents the quietest 10 percent of the measurement period. The facility sound levels during these time periods have been shown to meet the limits set forth in the MassDEP Noise Policy, which is designed to prevent nuisance conditions and protect the health, safety, and welfare of nearby residents. Predicted project sound levels range between 31 and 45 dBA at the modeling receptors; context for these results is provided in the figure "Common Indoor and Outdoor Sound Levels" provided as Figure 2-1 in Appendix I of the application.

Regarding traffic, a comprehensive traffic impact analysis (TIA) was prepared by Vanasse & Associates to evaluate traffic impacts associated with the proposed project. A summary of the TIA is presented in Section 8.2 of the permit application and the study is presented in its entirety in Appendix G of the

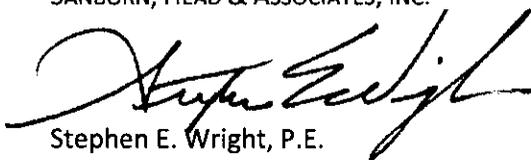
application. The TIA quantifies the projected increase in truck traffic as changing from 120 trips per day (60 trucks entering and 60 exiting) under currently permitted (750 tons per day) conditions to 178 trips per day under future (1,400 tons per day) conditions (refer to Tables 4 and 5 of the TIA). While the number of daily truck trips will increase, this increase will be mitigated by virtue of the facility accepting more material from ReSource Waste's other facilities and reducing the number of C&D loads it accepts from third-party customers. Because third-party customers typically bring material in smaller vehicles, they generate more loads and bring less material on a tonnage basis. Accordingly, with the change in operations, the increased tonnage brought to the facility will be delivered predominantly in higher capacity trucks emanating from ReSource Waste's other processing facilities, resulting in the mitigated truck traffic increase accounted for in the TIA.

With respect to comments regarding the capacity increase itself, please note that Section 8.13.1 of the permit application addresses capacity need and quantifies the basis for the sought-after capacity increase. The permit application also provides a detailed evaluation of the ability of the facility to accommodate the proposed capacity increase. This information is provided in Section 8 of the permit application and addresses on-site queuing, material handling rates, building size, and railcar storage and collection considerations.

Lastly, the comment letter raises concern regarding increased truck traffic traveling through downtown Ware. As noted in Section 8.2 of the permit application, due to the proposed change in operations, which will result in an increase in materials coming from ReSource Waste Services' other facilities located to the east and the corresponding decrease in locally-originating trucks with smaller loads, truck traffic traveling to the site through the downtown area of Ware is expected to decrease. Regarding enforceability of traffic routing, ReSource Ware has a strict policy that the company enforces with their drivers that all semitrailers are to come from the east on Route 9 and they are to leave the site by the same route. If the drivers do not abide by the policy, disciplinary action is taken. Enforcement of this policy includes a requirement that all drivers employed and contracted by ReSource Waste Services are required to sign a document confirming that they understand the travel route and they must abide by it. If the drivers do not abide by the policy, they will not be allowed to return to the facility. These measures are working and Resource Ware will continue to diligently enforce these measures.

We trust this response addresses the comments adequately in the context of MassDEP's review of the Site Suitability Report Permit Application. If you have any questions, please call me at (978) 577-1029 or email me at swright@sanbornhead.com.

Very truly yours,
SANBORN, HEAD & ASSOCIATES, INC.



Stephen E. Wright, P.E.
Vice President

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cc: Ware Board of Health
John Farese, ReSource Ware

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COVID-19 Isolation and Exposure Guidance for Children and Staff in Child Care, K-12, Out-of-School Time (OST) and Recreational Camp/Program Settings

Guidance for children and staff in certain settings

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Overview

Effective August 15, 2022, children and staff in child care, K-12, out-of-school time (OST) and recreational camp settings should follow the below guidance.¹

- A **rapid antigen test** ([/info-details/using-a-covid-19-self-test](#)), such as a self-test, is preferred to a PCR test in most situations.
- To count days for isolation, Day 0 is the first day of symptoms OR the day the day positive test was taken, whichever is earlier.
- Contact tracing is no longer recommended or required in these settings, but schools or programs must continue to work with their Local Board of Health in the case of outbreaks.
- The Commonwealth is not recommending universal mask requirements, surveillance testing of asymptomatic individuals, contact tracing, or test-to-stay testing in schools. While masks are not required or recommended in these settings except for in school health offices, any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, should be supported in that choice. For those who need or choose to mask, masking is never required in these settings while the individual is eating, drinking, sleeping or outside.
- All individuals are encouraged to stay up-to-date with vaccination as vaccines remain the best way to help protect yourself and others.

Isolation and exposure guidance and protocols

Guidance for Children and Staff in Child Care, K-12, OST, and Recreational Camp Settings:

- Quarantine is no longer required nor recommended for children or staff in these settings, regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure occurred. All exposed individuals may continue to attend programming as long as they remain asymptomatic. Those who can mask should do so until Day 10, and it is recommended that they test on Day 6 of exposure. If symptoms develop, follow the guidance for symptomatic individuals, below.
- Children and staff who test positive must isolate for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, they may return to programming after Day 5 and should wear a high-quality mask through Day 10:
 - If the individual is able to mask, they must do so through Day 10.
 - If the individual has a negative test on Day 5 or later, they do not need to mask.
 - If the individual is unable to mask, they may return to programming with a negative test on Day 5 or later.
- Symptomatic individuals can remain in their school or program if they have mild symptoms, are tested immediately onsite, and that test is negative. Best practice would also include wearing a mask, if possible, until symptoms are fully resolved. For symptomatic individuals, DPH recommends a second test within 48 hours if the initial test is negative.
 - If the symptomatic individual cannot be tested immediately, they should be sent home and allowed to return to their program or school if symptoms remain mild and they test negative, or they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their symptoms are resolving, or if a medical professional makes an alternative diagnosis. A negative test is strongly recommended for return.

Note: At this time, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved or authorized any at-home rapid antigen test for use in children under 2 years of age. However, at-home rapid antigen tests may be used off-label in children under 2 years of age for purposes of post-exposure, isolation, and symptomatic testing. It is recommended that parents or guardians deciding to test children under 2 years of age administer the at-home rapid antigen test themselves.

COVID-19 symptoms

COVID-19 Symptoms for Child Care, K-12, OST, and Recreational Camps

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Sore throat, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nausea, vomiting, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Headache, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Fatigue, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), *when in combination with other symptoms*

- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)

¹ Residential programs should continue to follow EOHHS's **congregate care guidance**

(<https://www.mass.gov/doc/eohhs-covid-19-guidance-for-organizations-that-operate-congregate-care-programs-0/download>).



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Public Health Nurse Update 9/21/22 – Ware, MA

COVID-19 from 8/18/2022 – 9/21/2022

Date Range	Age 18+	Below age 18
8/18 – 8/24	9	4
8/25 – 8/31	14	3
9/1 – 9/7	9	1
9/8 – 9/14	10	0
9/15 – 9/21 (as of 12 pm)	13	1
Total	55	9

1. There have been no cases of Monkeypox in Ware to date. The only case within Quabbin Health District was in Belchertown.
2. There are no other public health infectious disease investigations for Ware at this time.
3. There are no reports of COVID-19 deaths in MAVEN in the town of Ware at this time.

Public health nurse:

1. Completed in-person course for American Heart Association BLS for healthcare personnel and Heartsaver CPR course instructor, once supervised hosting a class by training center (to be scheduled) will be able to teach those and Choke Saver classes.
2. Completed class to teach Stop the Bleed classes.
3. Awaiting signed Medical Director forms to be able to provide tuberculosis testing.
4. Train the trainer Narcan distribution class on September 28, 2022.
5. Currently providing wellness clinics at the Belchertown and Ware senior centers twice monthly.
6. September is Emergency Preparedness Month – presentations to the Ware and Belchertown Senior Centers on 9/14/2022 and 9/26/22.