



Select Board Board of Health

Meeting Agenda

The Provincetown Select Board and the Provincetown Board of Health will hold a remote emergency public meeting on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 5 pm in the Judge Welch Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted **remotely**, in accordance with applicable law.

Joining the Meeting:

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Phone: Or call in (audio only) [\(833\) 579-7589](tel:8335797589) Phone Conference ID: 774 088 282#

To Participate during public comment:

- Teams: Raise hand to be called on to speak.
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Please do not speak again until acknowledged by Chair or meeting moderator.

- Keep your phone muted at all times when not talking (*6 to mute & unmute your phone)
- Do not use speakerphone, Bluetooth devices (speakers or headphones)
- Mute all background noises, including PTV, television or computer and use only phone audio.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 20(b), the Select Board and the Board of Health will hold an emergency meeting in the Judge Welch Hearing Room at Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA, Sunday, July 25, 2021 5 PM for the purpose of discussing the following items:

1. Update on COVID cases in Provincetown - Town Manager Alex Morse, Massachusetts Department of Public Health & Barnstable County Health Department
2. Discuss further actions to contain the spread of COVID-19 (Votes May Occur)

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS MEETING

Submitted by Select Board Chair David Abramson and
Board of Health Chair Steven Katsurinis

Posted: Town Hall, www.provincetown-ma.gov,



**Provincetown Select Board
AGENDA ACTION REQUEST
Sunday, July 25, 2021 5 pm**

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EMERGENCY MEETING

Joint meeting with the Board of Health

Requested by: Select Board Chair David Abramson

Action Sought: Discussion/Approve

Proposed Motion(s)

Move that the Select Board and Board of Health vote pursuant Chapter 111 Section 122 and per the Provincetown Town Charter, Chapter 4, Section 3, part J to direct Town Manager Alex Morse to:

- 1) Adopt an indoor mask mandate in the Town of Provincetown, and
- 2) Enact further restrictions (such as capacity limits) or relax active restrictions (such as indoor mask mandate) based on public health data in consultation with the Barnstable County Department of Health & Environment and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. *(If we have a test positivity rate below 5% for a period of at least 5 days, the mandate will shift to an advisory, and if under 2% for a period of at least 5 days the advisory will be lifted. If test positivity goes over 2%, the advisory is reimplemented, and if the test positivity rate goes over 5%, the mandate is reimplemented.)*

Additional Information

Board Action

<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Disposition</i>

Preliminary Data Describing the Provincetown COVID-19 Cluster

For the period 7/1/21 to 7/23/21

7/25/2021

Vaira Harik, Deputy Director



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COVID-19 Cluster Definition

- A COVID-19 cluster is two (2) or more confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 that are linked by the same location of exposure (e.g., hospital, long-term care facility, grocery store, etc.), exposure event (e.g., work party, vacation, etc.), or **geographical location**.
- Cases are attributed to a facility or setting where the patient was located two (2) days prior to symptom onset date or specimen collection date (if asymptomatic).



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Provincetown COVID-19 Cluster

- Reference Period: **7/1/21 to Present.**
- **MA DPH** is monitoring and reporting upon this cluster.
- Cases among persons living in other states are transferred to their respective **local health departments** for follow up.



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Cluster Data, thru 7/23/21 (Source: MA DPH Cluster Data Summary)

Genetic sequencing of cluster samples reveals the presence of the **Delta Variant of Concern** in a large percentage of samples sequenced.

Attributes (Source: CDC):

- Increased transmissibility
- Potential for vaccination breakthrough is higher than other variants.



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Cluster Data, thru 7/23/21 (Source: MA DPH Cluster Data Summary)

Cases identified have been associated with the influx of visitors on July 4th weekend.

Exposure opportunities were widespread and not focused to a single activity or venue. **Community spread of the virus is in evidence in Provincetown.**



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Cluster Data, thru 7/23/21 (Source: MA DPH Cluster Data Summary)

- 71% of Massachusetts cases are symptomatic. However, symptoms are relatively mild (flu-like symptoms for a few days).
- 69% of cluster cases in MA (394) are fully vaccinated.
- 3 hospitalizations are associated with this cluster (2 in-state and 1 out-of-state)
- The Delta variant is highly transmissible but being vaccinated significantly reduces how sick you become.



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Cluster Data, thru 7/23/21 (Source: MA DPH Cluster Data Summary)

		7/16/2021	% of Total	7/23/2021	% of Total
Confirmed Cases Associated with Provincetown Cluster		132		551	
MA Residents:		89	67%	394	72%
	Provincetown Cases	38	29%	171	31%
	Other MA Cases	51		223	
	Out-of-State Cases	43		157	
Gender of Cases (All):	Male		93%		88%
Median Age (All)		35		39	
Symptomatic Cases (All):			73%		71%
Cases' Vaccination Status (MA Only)			70%		69%



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Mobile Testing Data, thru 7/23/21 (Source: Fallon, via MA DPH)

Provincetown PCR Test Results from Mobile Testing Unit (Source: Fallon)			
Test Date	Result Detected	Total Tests (Conclusive Only)	% Positivity (Conclusive Only)
7/14/2021	28	251	11.2%
7/15/2021	39	258	15.1%
7/16/2021	38	268	14.2%
7/17/2021	36	271	13.3%
7/18/2021	41	304	13.5%
7/19/2021	36	360	10.0%
7/20/2021	33	331	10.0%
7/21/2021	42	456	9.2%
7/22/2021	42	428	9.8%
7/23/2021	Pending	Pending	7.0%
7/24/2021	Pending	Pending	9.0%



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- Case investigations by DPH Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) and Barnstable County Health Dept. nurses are ongoing.
- Additional cases are expected and will be announced when confirmed.



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