

**Board of Health Meeting  
July 10, 2020 4:30pm**

**Addendum to Meeting Notice regarding Remote Participation**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A,18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the West Newbury Board of Health will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

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**WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF HEALTH  
EMERGENCY AGENDA  
July 10, 2020 at 4:30pm**

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BOARD: Robert Janes-Chairman, Blake Seale-Member, Thomas Fahey-Member

HEALTH AGENT: Paul Sevigny

ADMIN ASSISTANT: Jane Krafton

OTHERS: David Archibald-Selectman Chair, Angus Jennings-Town Manager, Jack Foley-Director of Youth Baseball League.

R. Janes called meeting to order 4:35 by remote participation, see above statement.

**I. EMERGENCY BUSINESS:**

- Concern on whether or not athletes should wear face coverings while actively participating in a baseball game. Jack Foley-Director of the Youth Baseball League is requesting clarification of the word "should" page 6 of 9 of The Workplace Safety and Reopening Standards for Businesses and Other Entities Providing Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities Phase III, Step I document (dated July 6, 2020). Per an email sent by J. Foley to P. Sevigny Health Agent requests an opportunity to discuss further. (Attached)

- Earlier today, Health Agent P. Sevigny emailed Sarah Wallach from the State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs requesting clarification. (Attached) At 4:29 pm on July 10, 2020 Health Agent received an email from Gerben Scherpbier from The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and agrees with Health Agent's assessment and the email states "that face covering are necessary while running the bases or while batting". Health Agent will forward this email response to Jack Foley for his records. (Attached)

J. Foley expressed concern that other towns may not read the document the same way and believes that games will not be played in West Newbury if the Town enforces the regulation. R. Janes doesn't understand why other Towns wouldn't have their kids wear masks, it's such a small request to make.

D. Archibald believes that the Board of Health has the authority to make the decision on face coverings for the Youth League, and stated that wearing a face covering could reduce virus transmission by 65%.

J. Foley understands the comments being made but is also interested in letting kids be kids again. He also has concerns for players that have medical conditions that could prevent a child from wearing a face covering.

P. Sevigny pointed out that wearing a mask protects the other person, not the wearer.

After reading the response email from Gerben Scherpbier from The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs dated July 10, 2020. Board is in agreement that baseball players must wear face coverings during all aspects of the game. (Attached)

R. Janes made a motion to vote, seconded by B. Seale, all members in favor of enforcing face covering while playing baseball. **3-0-0 APPROVED**

T. Fahey expressed appreciation for J. Foley's effort to clarify the regulation issued by the State. All members agreed and thanked J. Foley.

J. Foley will forward the email from Gerben Scherpbier from The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Youth League.

R. Janes adjourned meeting at 5:16pm