

VACCINES

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“I am happy with where we are at,” said Dittberner, although she added she’s still worried about those who are hesitant. She asks those who have been vaccinated to be her champions and to keep having conversations with those who are hesitant.

More people are becoming eligible for the vaccine as new tiers are being added. According to the Department of Health timeline, those ages 50-64, regardless of health condition, should be able to get the vaccine beginning in May, but it could be sooner. By summer, anyone who wants the vaccine should be able to receive it.

Important takeaways

Dr. Bruce Evink, family medicine/physi-

cian chair with Sanford Health Broadway Clinic in Alexandria, said the county is doing well with more than 75% of those 65 and older vaccinated.

He said Sanford Health, Alomere Health, Horizon Public Health and Douglas County Emergency Management meet weekly to coordinate vaccine efforts.

“One of the most important messages is that we must continue to get the COVID vaccines into arms. The way to do this best is for our community members to get the first vaccine that is offered to them,” said Evink. “All three vaccines that have FDA emergency use authorization have been proved to be safe and effective. This is such an important race before further surges occur with different COVID variants

emerging.”

Evink said takeaways from the vaccine trials include:

- ▶ The hospitalization efficacy (vaccine preventing hospitalization because of COVID) being at 89%.

- ▶ No vaccinated person dying because of COVID-19.

- ▶ From December 2020 through February, 75 million doses of the vaccine have been administered in the U.S.

- ▶ The effectiveness and safety have mirrored that of the vaccine trials.

A bit of a roller coaster

Ann Stehn, Horizon Public Health admin-

istrator, said she is encouraged to see so many people in Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens and Traverse counties with a strong



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desire to get vaccinated.

“We have been fortunate to receive enough vaccines to be able to be slightly ahead of the curve in getting our populations vaccinated.”

However, Stehn said it is a bit of a roller coaster for all agencies not knowing exactly how much vaccine is coming until the last minute. She said it has improved but will likely continue to be a challenge.

Vaccine providers have not received enough supply to meet the demand, but the amount of vaccines is expected to increase and the amounts will stabilize over time, she said.

Early on, Horizon was tasked to help congregate living settings and health care workers. They then moved to education and child care. This week, the focus will be on food processors. Horizon is anticipating moving into the third tier of essential employees next week.

“Our health care and pharmacy partners in this vaccination effort have been focusing on those over 65 and most recently the additional groups under 65 that have been opened up along with helping with others that meet the criteria,” Stehn said.

Horizon has current vaccine information on its website, horizonpublichealth.org. A pre-recorded message is on its main phone line (press option 3) 320-763-6018. For more help, leave a message.

Working hard

Shawn Stoen is the regional preparedness coordinator for the West Central Minnesota Healthcare Preparedness Coalition. It coordinates preparedness, response and recovery activities in Douglas, Clay, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties.

“There is not enough yet (for the whole region), however, we do know that the state is



Stoen

expecting to receive more,” said Stoen.

As of March 15, vaccines available in the coalition’s eight-county area included Pfizer and Moderna. Stoen said the area does not yet have the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

She said the state had its original push a couple of weeks ago, however, at that time, the counties were saturated. Facilities were targeting the 65+ population and it was difficult to fill schedules. In addition, she said any vaccines that the coalition receives has to be used in 72 hours.

“This needed to be considered when the regional coalition was offered the Janssen,” said Stoen. “So, as a region, we did not take an allotment. We will accept it the next time it is offered, however.”

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 213
OSAKIS, MN 56360
January 11, 2021, 5:30 PM
 The regular meeting of the school board was called to order by Chairperson Becky Hensley. The following members were present: Becky Hensley, Michael Collins, Justin Dahlheimer, Amy Weisser, Greg Faber, and Superintendent Randal Bergquist. Also in attendance either in person or online were Brad Hofarth, Shad Schmidt, Celeste Edenloff, Jeremy Pedersen, Jason Bock, Abby Cobitt, and Jessie Thornbloom.
 Election of Officers: Faber nominated Hensley as Chairperson. There were no further nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Faber nominated Collins as Vice Chairperson. There were no further nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Hensley nominated Weisser as Clerk. There were no further nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Hensley nominated Dahlheimer as Treasurer. There

were no further nominations. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Dahlheimer, seconded by Collins, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
 Positive Comments
 • Most students seemed excited to be back in the building. It felt like the first day of school.
 • Nice to see students in the hallways again.
 • We are moving closer to getting students all back.
 • Sports are starting up again.
 Superintendent's Report
 • Backpack Attack – Jeremy Pedersen
 • Staff Update
 • MSBA Conference Workshop
 • Covid Update
 • CMETS Report
 • Runestone Ed Report
 • Committee Reports
 • Principal's Report
 • Activities Director Report
 • Student Board Representative
 It was moved by Faber, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the following general consent items: the minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular meeting, December 14, 2020 special meeting, and Decem-

ber 21, 2020 special meeting; the bills in the amount of \$42,997.32 check numbers 66365 to 66402; revolving in the amount of \$363.04 check number 11220 to 11221; hand payables in the amount of \$1,035,272.98 check numbers 66334 to 66364; wire transfers in the amount of \$697,099.83 and the student activity account fund in the amount of \$19,031.34 check numbers 7318 to 7336. The board acknowledged receiving the treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Collins, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the following personnel consent items: lane changes for the following teacher: Lee VanNyhuis, MS+15 to MS+30; approve the following additional hours for the following paraprofessional: Heather Thoennes, additional 10.61 hours per week. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Weisser, seconded by Faber, to approve First National Bank of Osakis, Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund, and MN Trust as depositories. The motion carried unanimously with Dahlheimer abstaining.
 It was moved by Faber, second-

ed by Dahlheimer, to name the Echo Press as the official newspaper. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Dahlheimer, seconded by Collins, to keep the regular meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Faber, seconded by Weisser, to keep the board compensation at \$65 per meeting plus \$250 annually for the Chairperson and \$200 annually for the Clerk. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Collins, seconded by Faber, to approve the committee appointments as made by the Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Faber, seconded by Weisser, to approve Resolution directing Superintendent Bergquist to make recommendations for any adjustments in curriculum, programs, and staff for the 2021-22 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Dahlheimer, seconded by Faber, to approve the Acceptance of Gift Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.
 It was moved by Faber, seconded by Collins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
 Amy Weisser, Clerk
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 We will elect two directors for a period of three years and conduct other business that may properly come before said meeting.
 The directors whose terms expire this year are
Dale Anderson of Farwell & Wayne Wendel of Eagle Bend
 An application is available at 2308 S Broadway St, Suite 10, Alexandria, MN
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 Call with questions or to pay via credit card (320)763-3133.
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Votes will be accepted April 9th through April 21st.
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