



questions regarding it. No questions were noted. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Osaro**, to **APPROVE** the request of Mr. Keitel to perform soil tests for septic systems. Motion carried 5-0. **McClintock** said that everything that was needed to proceed with the septic systems in Elvira has been sent to the office of the County Attorney and is awaiting approval. It has been 3 weeks or so since it was sent out, and he will reach out again soon to get an update on the documents.

- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice**— Informational report submitted. **Cullen** noted the increase in Covid-19 cases. The number of positive cases has been rising the last 3 weeks or so. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, there were 48 cases with 42 being active. For about two months cases went up about 20 with many in the recovery phase and very few hospitalized. From June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>, cases went up by 17. They have gone up each week continually since. Scott County is going up about 30-50 cases on average per day, and Dubuque is also rising with many college aged kids contracting the virus. The virus appears to be affecting those 45 years old and under due to those people being out and about. The state is changing the way recovery status works. It was that after 10 days, a nurse would call asking the patient's status. If there was no fever for 3 days and 10 days past the symptoms, the case was closed. The state is now changing the way they are being classified as recovered. It is an attempt to be more consistent with other states. If the resident is not in the hospital, it will go into a closed status and after 28 days will go into the recovered state. Right now 114 were positive as of yesterday, with 21 active. 1 person is in the hospital right now. State hospitalization numbers have jumped a little, but not to an alarming number. Region 5 has 72 % bed availability which is very good. Contact investigations are keeping the nurses busy. One nurse typically works in the WIC clinic which is closed currently to the public, so she is able to help out. **Cullen** has also been working with all the schools on their back to learning plans. She is giving guidance on what the CDC, IDPH and Department of Education are providing. The goal is to get the kids back to school but also to keep them safe. The plans could be face to face, all distance learning, or a combination of the two. Baseball and softball seasons are starting to wrap up later this month. Some Jackson County teams have had exposures and had to stop their season abruptly. They are also working with child care centers to make sure they are in compliance with DHS. One had to shut down for two weeks as a staff member tested positive and exposed other staff. No children were exposed, and no other positives came out of the incident. Regarding back to school, the immunization schedule has been printed. It has been posted on social media and is available at several locations. **Thiltgen** inquired about tests. **Cullen** said that [www.testiowa.com](http://www.testiowa.com) is open to take the assessment online and schedule to get a test in Davenport at North Park Mall. If you are symptomatic, call your provider and it can be done in their office or at a Mercy or Genesis tent. Regarding serology testing, your provider can order it. Dubuque also does it Monday – Friday at a \$30 charge. Mercy in Clinton is working on getting a machine. There are a lot of antibody questions. It is still somewhat unknown regarding how much protection you have if you have had the virus already. **Irwin** questioned **Cullen's** feeling on the growing number of cases. Is this the herd immunity that we need or is it going too fast? **Cullen** said yes, the more that get it, could result in the start of herd immunity. Her concern is the recovery rate is very high; however we

still have the vulnerable population out there. The death rate is of mostly that older population. If you can slowly introduce yourselves to being around a few people at a time, versus going into large groups of people, the outcome would be better. **Sullens** questioned nursing home protocols. **Cullen** noted that they have guidance from the IDPH and DIA offices which include different phases. The first phase prior to opening is to get a baseline of all residents and staff. Eagle Point completed their baseline and all staff and residents were negative. All four nursing homes in the area are currently working toward this. Phase 2 would include visitors that are screened. **Thiltgen** questioned Maggie's House in DeWitt. **Cullen** noted they are not a long term care center; they are a senior living facility. Some of those are following protocols to an extent. **Thiltgen** noted that they have been letting some of the residents out recently and then they would go back in and be confined.

- C. **Hillcrest Family Services/WIC**– **Kaczinski** noted that they are still providing services by telephone. The USDA did extend the waiting for physical presence in the office through the end of September. Face to face visits can happen sooner if it is okay with agencies and staff. One big concern is if people will show up for their appointments. They don't want to lose participation that way. They are putting into place where they may be able to continue some appointments by phone. Where physical presence is required, they would have to come in. Farmers Market is open. Vouchers are being handed out. That is going very well. A new program started July 6<sup>th</sup> called Double Up Food Bucks. It is a fruit and vegetable nutrition incentive program. This is not WIC, but funded by USDA and other corporations in Iowa. The program matches purchases with their SNAP Card and the Pandemic EBT. When they purchase fruit and vegetables, they match that up to \$10 per day so they have more to purchase fruit and vegetables. In Clinton, Fareway is the only current participant. Freight House in Davenport is also participating as a Farmers Market. Some Hyvee stores are as well, but not the location in Clinton. They are distributed through December and are good through the end of that month. The website for the map is [www.doubleupiowa.org](http://www.doubleupiowa.org). July 1<sup>st</sup> the state expanded the WIC food packaging. Adjustments have been made for product availability throughout the state. Store brand peanut butter was the only thing that was allowed in the past, now it can be brand name. Whole grain items are also being added as well as tube yogurts. Chocolate milk is also being allowed at one gallon per participant. **Morgan** asked about someone bringing in a Fareway card to Camanche Farmers Market yesterday. **Kaczinski** gave the contact number for the program at the state level.
- D. **Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT**– Not in attendance.
- E. **Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)**- Not in attendance.
- F. **Women's Health Services**– Motion by **Sullens** to **APPROVE** 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Rapid HIV Testing Claim, seconded by **Osaro**. Motion carried 4-0. **Montgomery** said that they are seeing an increase in STD and HIV testing. They are seeing a lot of positive results in the area and attempt to get them in as soon as possible. Staff and patients are wearing PPE and they attempt to keep waiting room visitors down to a minimum. They are seeing a large

rise in positive chlamydia tests in the area.

**G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions-** Not in attendance.

**H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center– Meyer** said that regarding the past quarter's numbers, they treated 1394 adults. The number of youth served is lower because of no school based therapy. Still 165 youth were served. 30% of all therapy appointments in the last 3 months have been over the phone. 19% of all medical appointments have been called in. They currently have no firm mask policy. It is up to the individual provider. Any symptomatic patients are being seen by a nurse in a special room. All the clients have been very impressed and happy with the center's new location. There will be no school based therapist if school resumes with online only learning. Therapists will wear masks into the schools if schools resume in person. There are programs going on currently at some of the elementary schools in Clinton, and it has been difficult to keep the children socially distant. All insurance companies will continue to pay for tele-therapy through at least the end of August. Some insurance companies have decided to permanently pay for it. There is currently a push for the MCOs to allow this is as well as a covered option. This would be great for those without transportation.

**I. Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)-** Not in attendance.

**J. Emergency Management–** 2019 Clinton County Medical Examiner's report submitted. **Malcom** noted that there was an error in the report regarding the number of violent deaths. 30 were reported, and that should actually be marked under accidental. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, there have been 2 or 3 suicides. It is too soon to tell if this is rising or just coincidence. **Burns** said they have been notified by the state that PPE will now be evaluated as an emergency need and if approved, on a 4 to 5 day wait. The National Guard is scaling back on deliveries. They are well stocked at EMA. N95 masks are difficult to maintain. There is a glove shortage, however. The cost is 2 – 3 times higher as well. The surgical masks and gowns have been made obtainable. They are always in communication with the state as they set guidelines on how they can be distributed. The state is also supplying each county with an emergency supply of PPE. It is being delivered to Cedar Rapids. Once it arrives, they will go get it and bring it back to be stored within the county so it is readily available. EMA has been working with FEMA on the radiological exercises they are required to have with Exelon. The recent exercise got scaled back to just a call. The actual exercise will not be in person as normal; they are deciding whether to have it at all. FEMA is considering an exemption to put it off a year. The drones have been busy lately. The EOC had been used in June for the protests which were peaceful. The drone was used during that time. They have new software where they can project drone images into the EOC. This will be useful with search situations. The drone has been called out recently for fleeing suspects and a missing 4 year old in Scott County. The child was found before the drone was deployed. EMA was monitoring the Wapsi which is now below flood stage.

**K. Community Health Care, Inc-** Not in attendance.

L. **EveryStep/MCAH**- Informational report submitted. Not in attendance.

## **AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Irwin** said the supervisors are obviously concerned with the rising numbers in virus cases. They have been working closely with **Cullen**. **Irwin** welcomed contact with **Cullen** if she has further information. Regarding mental health, Governor Reynolds spoke on Tuesday that they were putting \$30 million from the state to help fund mental health from federal grant money due to the pandemic. Another \$20 million would be rolled out to the regions and is per capita. This results in \$2 or \$2 ½ million in funding for our area. Any companies or providers that aid in mental health that are not getting their contracts, please reach out to **Irwin**. **Irwin** is quite frustrated with that. This isn't how business is run. It is hard to move forward with no contract in hand. **Irwin** and a Muscatine board member area are trying to change things. The funding mechanism is very one sided. Some Clinton County providers are being reimbursed at 1/3 of the rate that Scott County is being reimbursed at. The reimbursement rate in our county is \$46 and it is \$115 in Scott County per participant. This will most likely sound quite negative when it hits the newspapers.

## **AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT**

No updates.

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS**

No updates.

## **AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS**

No updates.

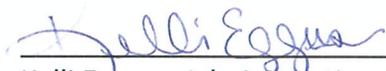
## **AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 3, 2020 and October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Administration Building, Conference Room "B". Please note meetings may be subject to change via Webex due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

## **AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by **Osaro**, seconded by **Sullens**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to

the Board of Health

Approved  \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

Attachments can be viewed by contacting the Board of Health at the Clinton County Satellite offices.

# CLINTON COUNTY



MEDICAL EXAMINER

## CLINTON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

**Dr. Mary Malcom – Medical Examiner**

Clinton County Courthouse  
612 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Suite 105  
P.O. Box 2957

Clinton, IA 52733-2957

Phone: (563)242-5712

Fax: (563)242-3095

Email: [medicalexaminer@clintoncounty-ia.gov](mailto:medicalexaminer@clintoncounty-ia.gov)

## CLINTON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT 2019

Total number of deaths in Clinton County for 2019 is 437.

Of these deaths, 407 (93%) are due to natural causes; 22 (5%) are due to accident; 7 (1.6%) are due to suicide; and the cause of one death (0.2%) could not be determined.

Total number of violent deaths (homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention and deaths of undetermined intent) is 30 (7%).

In 2019, 131 deaths (30%) came to the attention of the county medical examiner.

The Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner has a goal of >20% of deaths reported to the county medical examiner. Within the state of Iowa, an average of 18% of all deaths are reported to the county medical examiner.

In 2019, Clinton County requested an autopsy on 25 decedents. This is 19% of those whose death was reported to the medical examiner, and 5.7% of all decedents.

For comparison, in the state of Iowa in 2018, a total 1,499 autopsies were performed. There were 30,369 total deaths, of which 5,515 were reported to a medical examiner. Autopsy was performed in 27% of deaths brought to the attention of a medical examiner, and 4.9% of all deaths.

National guidelines are for 10% of all deaths to have an autopsy.