

Board of Health Agenda
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Meeting at Town Offices at 5pm

1. Review of minutes from 10/7/25.
2. Updates from CPHS agents.
3. Hill Wind Farm update
4. Updates on CPR and First Aid classes
5. How to communicate health concerns to residents.
ex. Mpox
6. Next meeting TBD

Ideas for Future

Working session for webpage
Nicotine free generation
Regulations

Racoon + Rabies:-
bullet point
Alexander Ross
pets & livestock
UTD - Rabies

12/2/25 Webpage

**Leyden Board of Health
Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: Nov 4, 2025	Time started: 5:03pm	Time adjourned: 6:00pm
Location: Leyden Town Offices Room 1		
Present: Beth K, Devorah V, Marcia M, Kurt S	Absent:	
Minutes submitted by: Marcia		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	PRESENTER	ACTION ITEMS
Minutes	<p>Meeting called to order 5:03pm Motion to approve minutes with the following changes. 1) Call to order vs adjourned 2) ReadyFest had 2-3 Leyden residents stop at the BOH table 3) Adjourned at approx... 6:00pm</p> <p>Marcia 1, Beth 2, all in favor</p> <p>* A delegation from FRCOG will be attending the 3-day MHOA conference in Springfield * Maureen is now a certified soil examiner * FRCOG will be adding another inspector * Lots of Title 5's being done.</p>		
CPHS Updates		Kurt	
Hillwind Farm	<p>They have been served a cease-and-desist order for selling bread. She will be going through the Serve Safe training and will be applying for all the appropriate permits to have a Home Kitchen Certification.</p> <p><i>Resident: (hidden) Kayla A. Bernard. Eden Trail</i></p>	Kurt	
Updates from the CPR training class	<p>There were 12 attendees. There are 11 signed up for the upcoming First Aid class</p>	Beth	

<p>Communication</p>	<p>Articles in Leyden Life should have bullet points rather than long paragraphs. Advertise more regarding all the literature available in the BOH room. Discuss web page ideas at next meeting.</p>		<p>Beth to change for her next Leyden Life Beth to meet with town clerk regarding website</p>
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<p>TOPIC</p>	<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>PRESENTER</p>	<p>ACTION ITEMS</p>
<p>Rave 911</p>	<p>Could this be utilized to send immediate notices to certain people in cases like the rabid racoon on Alexander Rd? Work through Leyden Life regarding "emergency" notices Write up brief notice to send through Leyden Life regarding positive rabies case</p>	<p>Beth</p>	<p>Marcia will check with our EMD Marcia will write up short blurb</p>
<p>Items not anticipated</p>	<p>Naloxone box at town hall has a broken clip. Maureen has been notified. The extra doses of Naloxone from the CPR class will be put in the boxes. Ideas for future agenda items: CPHS to update the board of issues with Title 5's done in town Move and update the Opioid materials to the area with the other publications.</p>		
	<p>Next meeting: December 2, 2025 at 5:00pm Motion to adjourn; Marcia 1, Devorah 2, all in favor Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm</p>		



**SOUTH DEERFIELD
VETERINARY CLINIC**

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Bill To

Leyden Town Of
7 Brattleboro Rd
Leyden, Massachusetts, 01301

Account Statement

Printed: 11-03-2025
Customer ID: 219664
From: 10-01-2025
To: 10-31-2025

Date	Ref. No.	Cust. Ref.	TX Type	Animal	Charges	Payments	Balance
10-01-2025			Opening Balance				\$0.00
10-31-2025	836933		Invoice	Raccoon	\$325.00		\$325.00
South Deerfield Veterinary Clinic							
Qty	Description		Inc Disc	Member	Total		
1	Rabies Test Prep & Fedex to State small			Aiden McGrath, DVM	\$325.00		

Total for Invoice 836933 including TAX of (\$0.00)

\$325.00

Final Balance (10-31-2025):

\$325.00

October
\$325.00

September
\$0.00

August
\$0.00

July+
\$0.00

Amount Due
\$325.00

PAYMENT TERMS: COD

Bank Account:



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Department of Public Health
Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences
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Increasing Cases of Mpox in Massachusetts

October 28, 2025

Summary

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is bringing your attention to a recent increase in the number of individuals diagnosed with mpox in the Commonwealth. As of October 1, there have been 34 mpox cases reported in 2025; 20 of which have occurred between August 1 and October 1, 2025. While the number of cases is small compared to the peak of the global outbreak in 2022, the uptick in cases over the past few months represents a concerning trend.

All recent cases since August have been infected with clade II monkeypox virus (MPXV). Given that the investigations to date have not found direct links between the 20 recent cases, it is likely that unreported cases are occurring and that infection continues to spread in the community through intimate skin-to-skin sexual contact. Men who have sex with men (MSM), especially those with multiple sexual partners, are at highest risk. Most cases (74%) in 2025 have been unvaccinated; unvaccinated cases are largely Hispanic and Black, Non-Hispanic and are between 16 and 29 years old. This younger age group may have missed vaccination efforts in 2022. A small subset of cases in 2025 was fully vaccinated with two doses of JYNNEOS prior to 2025. Vaccinated cases tend to experience mild disease compared to unvaccinated cases.

Mpox clade II cases continue to occur in other US jurisdictions and globally. Concurrently, mpox clade I infections continue to occur globally. Countries with sustained transmission of clade I at present include Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Importantly, three cases of Clade I mpox were observed in California in October 2025. These cases had no recent travel to endemic countries, suggesting Clade I transmission occurred in the US. A single Clade I case was identified in Massachusetts in June 2025; there have been no subsequently identified cases in Massachusetts.

The goal of this DPH announcement is to make providers aware of the continued presence of mpox in the Commonwealth to improve case finding and to promote prevention strategies for populations at risk. Two doses of JYNNEOS vaccines works to prevent mpox in most people. Vaccinated people who subsequently are infected with mpox tend to have milder disease. Given the effectiveness of vaccination, individuals at risk for mpox should be offered two doses of JYNNEOS administered at least 28 days apart if they anticipate possible exposures through sexual or intimate contact, including MSM with multiple sex partners or those who have sex with others who have multiple sex partners. Travelers to countries with sustained spread of clade I mpox should be made aware of activities associated with transmission and should also be vaccinated with two doses of JYNNEOS if they anticipate possible exposures through sexual or intimate contact, household contact or within healthcare settings while traveling.

Clinicians should be aware of mpox symptoms and ask patients about sexual history, travel history and other risk factors for mpox, and consider MPXV testing when appropriate. Suspected cases of mpox should be tested and reported to DPH promptly.

Positive Rabid Raccoon

There was a dead raccoon found on Alexander Rd on Monday November 3. Because it was not a normal looking carcass and two dogs were seen near it, it was sent out for testing. Wild animals can travel some distance so we do not know where it may have been recently or whom or what animals may have had exposure. If you have domestic pets that go outside or livestock in that area you are advised to booster their rabies vaccine. Here are some basic facts about rabies:

Raccoons, skunks, bats and woodchucks are the most affected wild animals in this area.

Rabies is only spread through saliva of an affected animal.

Usually, you will see some symptoms but not always. The most common thing is a behavior change. A wild animal will become "friendly or not afraid of humans" and a normally friendly pet will become not friendly or shy away from their humans.

Rabies is 100% deadly if not treated immediately.

If your pet/livestock have not been vaccinated recently (within a month) call your veterinarian for advice.

If you have any questions regarding yourself, call your doctor, if questions regarding your pet call your veterinarian.

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