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TO: Summit County Board of Health  
Scott Vargo  
Jeff Huntley  
FROM: Sara R Lopez  
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of February 11, 2021  
DATE: February 11, 2021

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**Attendees:**

Elected Officials (via Zoom): Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Joshua Blanchard – Commissioners

Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (via phone or Zoom): Scott Vargo, County Attorney; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Services Director; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; Dan Hendershott, Environmental Health Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Alys Macias, Ashley Kubiszyn, Blair McGary, Bob Barto, Dick Carleton, Hal Vatcher, Hannah Wynd, Helen Cospolich, Kevin Willman, Libby Stanford, Nichole Seliga, Peak Yoga, Peter Siege, Town of Breckenridge and others who did not sign in.

**I. Standing Agenda Items/Updates**

**a) Public Health Director Updates**

**i. Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends**

Amy Wineland gave an overview of the latest case data with cases, hospitalizations and deaths are overall declining in the state.

The Public Health (PH) Department will divide positive cases into two groups; one for the original COVID-19 virus and the other for variant cases, which continue to show a higher rate of infection and more severe symptoms.

**Key Messages**

- Anyone experiencing symptoms needs to get tested. Testing is free and appointments are easily obtained.
- The effective reproductive number is <1, while transmission control has increased slightly to 79% from 77% last week.
- Regionally: Infections are estimated to be increasing in the Central Mountains and West Central Partnership regions but declining in others.
- Colorado is now below the March/April peak in infections (1 in 124).

- If the B.1.1.7 variant spreads rapidly in Colorado, high levels of transmission control and/or vaccination will be critical to avoiding another large surge in hospital demand. Thresholds for care capacity would not be reached under bounding scenarios of variant penetration and reduced transmission control.

The CDC has updated their instructions on mask wearing, and here are ways to make sure your mask works the best it can.

- Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face. Gaps can let air with respiratory droplets leak in and out around the edges of the mask.
- Pick a mask with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others out. A mask with layers will stop more respiratory droplets from getting inside your mask or escaping from your mask if you are sick.
  - Wear one disposable mask underneath a cloth mask. The second mask should push the edges of the inner mask against your face. Make sure you can see and breathe easily.

For additional information visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html>

## ii. **Local Testing Statistics and Program Update**

Commissioner Lawrence mentioned that someone had issues when trying to schedule a vaccination appointment and reported this to Public Health. She encouraged anyone who notices a problem when scheduling a test or vaccine to let the county know.

## iii. **Vaccine Distribution Update**

Ms. Wineland gave an update on the vaccination process and asked Commissioners to advocate for Summit County to be one of the main vaccine sites for Colorado.

She also gave a breakdown on how the vaccines received this week will be distributed.

- 610 vaccines received:
  - 200 vaccines to Educators/ Child Care Providers (these will be given at the drive through POD on Saturday)
  - 400 vaccines to people 65+, First Responders, Healthcare Workers (170 of these will be given at the drive through on Saturday, 100 at Summit Community Care Clinic (SCCC), 40 vaccines at hospital, 100 vaccines at pharmacies)

Commissioner Blanchard said he has received complaints from people unable to sign up for vaccine appointments. Ms. Wineland said many people sign in right away and take the appointments, which are limited to the number of vaccine doses received. The county requested 1000 vaccines last week but only received 100. For next week, they have requested 2000.

Scott Vargo said they are looking for better ways to schedule appointments and are looking at how other counties and states are doing it. The county has a first come, first served

system and will keep it until a better system is found. They asked for patience through the process.

Commissioner Lawrence asked that instead of saying that a “limited” number of appointments are available, to include the actual number of appointments. The SCAAlerts will include that information from now on.

Mr. Vargo asked Amy Wineland to post the number of vaccines available, people vaccinated and other information, to the county website.

**iv. Transmission Trends**

Amy Wineland reported an outbreak High Side Brewing in Breckenridge resulting from a live band event where most people did not wear masks. She also said that birthday parties continue to be a high source of contagion, and locals meeting with out-of-town friends at restaurants. Even if there are only two households, everyone should be asking their friends if they are sick or in contact with someone who was sick, before getting together.

Commissioner Lawrence addressed a question regarding exceptions for individuals who have been vaccinated. She said that if they are in Colorado, they must follow the state rules, even if vaccinated.

**b) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes**

No updates.

**c) 5 Star Program Update**

Bentley Henderson said the committee is looking into different ways of issuing certificates to participating businesses.

**d) Communications Update and Discussion**

Nicole Valentine said they are looking for better ways to provide updates on social media to keep the community informed with the most up to date information. They are also considering short radio updates.

Commissioner Lawrence reminded everyone that County Commissioners cannot make changes to the population being vaccinated. This is set up by the state and the county follows the rules.

**e) Emergency Management Update**

Brian Bovaird said he has been working with Nicole Valentine to get the word out on vaccination PODs and making sure his department has the needed resources to continue the vaccination process.

**f) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates**

The application process for the Small Business grants has closed and applications are being reviewed to get the funds allocated to businesses.

**g) Community Indicators and Programs**

Sarah Vaine gave an update on the work Human Services (HS) has been doing. They have been working on reaching out to homebound individuals eligible for vaccines and finding way to get them vaccinated.

**II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above**

**III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed**

Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at [www.summitcountyco.gov](http://www.summitcountyco.gov). Click on *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

**IV. Discussion of Confidential Information related to Public Health Matters, the Public Health Order and the legal advice related thereto. (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).**

Jeff Huntley and Sarah Vaine requested an Executive Session to discuss Public Health Orders, Investigations and issues related to COVID-19 as well as legal advice related thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to discuss Public Health Matters, the Public Health Order and issues related to COVID-19, as well as legal advice related thereto. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d) with special reference to 25-1-122 and 24-72-204. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

  
Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



  
Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair