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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 March 4, 2021

DATE: March 4, 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; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Corry Mihm, Hal Vatcher, Libby Stanford, Lisa May, Peter Siegel, Shannon Haynes 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 update on the latest case data. Positive cases and deaths continue to decline in the state and Summit County, especially within the older population. The goal is to lower numbers so the county can move to Level Blue.

- Estimated current infection prevalence is 1 in 194 people in Colorado.
- If Colorado remains on the current trajectory, statewide hospital demand and cases will continue to decline. It will be several months before hospital demand and infection prevalence reach levels comparable to last summer.
- In the coming months, transmission control measures will help prevent another surge in infections, hospitalizations and deaths while vaccinations are distributed.
- If the B.1.1.7 variant spreads rapidly in Colorado high transmission control, rapid vaccine rollout and high vaccine uptake will be important for preventing deaths and increases in hospital demands.

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

Ms. Wineland gave an update on the Centura Health testing site move. She also said the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) had extra Rapid Serial Antigen tests and offered them to ski areas for resort employees.

**iii. Vaccine Distribution Update**

Phase 1B.3 will be eligible for COVID Vaccine starting March 5, 2021. This population include:

- These includes people age 60 and older
- Frontline essential workers in grocery and agriculture
- People 16-59 with two (2) or more high-risk conditions.

For additional information, please visit the Summit County website at <https://www.summitcountyco.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=1>

**iv. Transmission Trends**

No updates.

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

Commissioners and staff quickly discussed the feedback they have received regarding a Last Call time for restaurants, and will revisit the conversation next week.

**c) 5-Star Program Update**

Bentley Henderson and Dan Hendershot discussed including indoor events to the 5-Star Program. Mr. Hendershot gave an overview of the requirements that would need to be met based on where the county is on the Dial Level. Commissioners agreed to move forward with the inclusion.

**d) Communications Update and Discussion**

Nicole Valentine gave an update on the information posted to the Summit County Government Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SummitCountyGov/>.

**e) Emergency Management Update**

Brian Bovaird said his department is preparing for the vaccination POD on Friday, March 5, 2021. He asked that people arrive at their scheduled times, not too early as this causes delays, which affects individuals who need to return to work. He said everyone with an appointment will receive a vaccine.

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

No updates.

**g) Community Indicators and Programs**

Sarah Vaine said the Human Services (HS) Department's focus is to reach out to people who are eligible for vaccination but may not have transportation, or are housebound. HS is working with the Red, White and Blue Fire Protection District to transport them or bring the vaccine to them.

**Critical Topics Not Covered Above**

Friday, March 5, 2021 will mark one year since the first COVID-19 case was identified in Summit county and the state. Commissioner Pogue expressed her gratitude to the staff that has worked so hard during the past year. Commissioner Lawrence also shared her memories of that day and said no one could have imagined that one year later there would be vaccines available.

Scott Vargo also noted that Commissioner Lawrence has been with the county during the whole year of COVID, and thanked her for her work.

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

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

**III. Discussion of Confidential Legal Matters and Receive Legal Advice. (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).**

Scott Vargo and Jeff Huntley and requested an Executive Session to discuss Confidential Legal Matters and receive legal advice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blanchard and seconded by Commissioner Pogue to discuss confidential legal matters and receive legal advice. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d)(e) with special reference to 25-1-122 and 24-72-204. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

  
Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk

  
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Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair