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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 11, 2021
DATE: March 11, 2021

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; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; April Kroner, Planning Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Blair McGary, Corry Mihm, Jim Curnutte, Joan Jardon, Melany Beck, Peter Siegel, Peyton Rogers 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.

- Estimated current infection prevalence is 1 in 354 people in Colorado, it has declined since last week
- The benefits of vaccination continue to be realized. We estimate approximately 22% of Coloradans are currently immune due to vaccination and/or prior infection.
- If Colorado remains on the current trajectory, statewide hospital demand and infection prevalence will continue to decline. Infection prevalence will be comparable to last summer by late April.
- Maintaining transmission control at the current level for at least 4 weeks will avoid a substantial burden of infection and deaths, compared with a drop now or in 2 weeks.
- The continued growth of the B.1.1.7 variant and the discovery of B.1.351 are cause for concern. Transmission control measures, rapid vaccine roll out and high vaccine update will be important for preventing deaths and increases in hospital demands if B.1.1.7 an/or other variants spread rapidly in Colorado.

- Infections appear to be increasing in some mountain regions, a concern with the beginning of spring break.
- Mobility is stable in the Denver metro area. Restaurant visitation continues to increase as restrictions are relaxed. Out of state visitors remain a large share of ski resort visitors.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

No updates.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland addressed some of the issues from last week's POD. There were some traffic delays and the goal is to reduce them.

The vaccination process for Phase 1B.4 and is going well, and a vaccination POD is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2021. The event will be held, unless there are blizzard conditions. She also reiterated that no one with an appointment will be turned away. In addition, anyone who needs to cancel his/her appointment due to weather or road conditions will be able to reschedule to the next vaccination POD.

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

iv. Transmission Trends

- There has been an increase in travelers needing to rearrange travel plans due to exposure or testing positive
- There have been a couple of instances of people lying about the number of households while dining out, or moving tables closer together. Ms. Wineland reminded everyone that the county is still following the physical distancing guidelines.
- Outbreaks among businesses not following protocols.
- Cases overall are declining
- Increase in variant cases in the county (9 cases so far)

b) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes

Scott Vargo gave an update on the amendments to the Public Health (PH) Order related to alcohol service for fine dining restaurants participating in the 5-Star Program.

c) 5-Star Program Update

Sarah Vaine and Bentley Henderson gave an update on their recent meeting with the 5-Star Committee, and said restaurants asked to postpone changes to the PH Order until after spring break.

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 thanked everyone for their patience as they try to improve waiting time at the vaccination PODs.

He discussed the upcoming winter storm and noted that at this time, it looks like Denver and the Front Range will get the most snow. They have a vaccination POD scheduled for Saturday and will determine on Friday night whether to cancel it. If the POD takes place, anyone with an appointment should decide if it is safe to drive; no one will be penalized for canceling his or her appointment. The goal is to keep everyone safe.

Commissioners also noted that if I-70 is closed due to the storm, the Emergency Management Department will need to coordinate shelter locations for stranded drivers.

f) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates

April Kroner gave an update on the Economic Dashboard. The initial cost will be \$7,000 for setup, with a monthly cost of \$5,000, and quarterly reports for \$4,000. The total estimated cost will be \$16,000 a year. Commissioners agreed to move forward with this project.

The Recovery Group is looking into a forecasting tool to help businesses plan ahead for the spring, summer and fall.

The next Facebook Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 5:45pm, and will be hosted by Commissioner Pogue with a focus on Business Recovery. Please visit the Summit County Government Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SummitCountyGov/>.

g) Community Indicators and Programs

Sarah Vaine reported that food assistance requests have remained stable, although still higher than pre-COVID numbers.

h) Critical topics not covered above

II. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at www.summitcountyco.gov. Click on *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

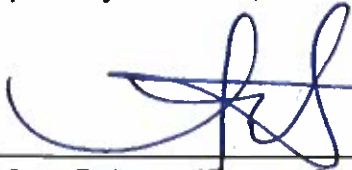
III. Discussion of Confidential Public Health Matters and Receive Legal Advice. (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

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

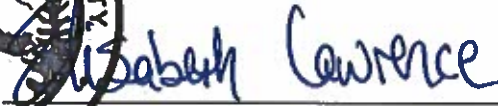
A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to discuss confidential legal matters and receive legal advice. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d) with special reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:



Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Elizabeth Lawrence, Chair