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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 18, 2021
DATE: March 18, 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; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Blair McGary, Don Parsons, Helen Cospolich, Katie Knoll, Peter Reeburgh, Peter Siegel, Sawyer DArgonne 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.

Summary Epi Trends

- Cases and hospitalizations have plateaued
- Update on variants
 - 336 cases of the B.1.1.7 (UK) variant of concern
 - 11 cases of the B.1.351 (South Africa) variant of concern
 - 225 cases of the B.1.427/B.1.429 (CA) variant of concern
 - 4 cases of the B.1.526 (NYC) variant under investigation
- Currently 8-10 of the specimens being tested weekly by whole genome sequencing are the B.1.1.7 variant, and 20-22% the B.1.427/B.1.429 variant.

Commissioner Blanchard asked if Public Health (PH) has seen increased immunity in individuals who were sick with COVID. Ms. Wineland noted that previous infection seems to create an immunity for up to 6 months but no one knows for sure yet.

The number of Summit County residents vaccinated so far is as follows:

Level of Vaccine Coverage

- Fully vaccinated: 18.7%
- Partially vaccinated: 14.3%
- At least 1 vaccine

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

There was an increase in test requests, which may be related to the closure of testing sites over the weekend due to the winter storm.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland said vaccination PODs are scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2021 from 1-4pm, and Saturday, March 20, 2021. She encouraged people to pre-register at <https://www.comassvax.org/>

For additional vaccination pre-registration details, please visit Summit County's website at <https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1423/Scheduling-Vaccinations>

iv. Transmission Trends

No updates.

b) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes

The Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) Organization is compiling feedback from Colorado Counties, regarding the state's upcoming COVID Dial 3.0 and Statewide Mask Mandate Guidelines. A letter from Commissioners, with the county's recommendations, will be sent out this afternoon.

c) 5-Star Program Update

The 5-Star Committee is considering other cto the program. Bentley Henderson will have an update next week.

d) Communications Update and Discussion

No updates.

e) Emergency Management Update

No updates.

f) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates

April Kroner reported that the Economic Recovery Group will wait to launch their forecasting tool until the state releases updates.

g) Community Indicators and Programs

No updates.

h) Critical topics not covered above

As additional groups become eligible for vaccination, the county will need to hire staff to run the vaccination PODs. So far, these have been staffed by amazing volunteers but they cannot be expected to volunteer indefinitely. Ms. Wineland said her department has sent a survey to current volunteers to gage their interest in working for the county.

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 Public Health Orders and Receive Legal Advice. (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

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


A motion was made by Commissioner Blanchard and seconded by Commissioner Pogue to discuss Confidential Public Health Matters, Public Health Orders 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,


Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:


Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair