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TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Lori Dwyer
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of April 27, 2021
DATE: April 27, 2021

Attendees:

Elected Officials (via conference phone): Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Josh Blanchard – Commissioners
Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (via conference phone): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Nicole Valentine, Director of Communications; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; April Kroner, Planning Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Cea Mills, Alison Mathes, Blair McGary, Bob Cottrell, Peter Siegel, Peter Reeburg, Hal Vatcher, Don Parsons, Jenna deJong and others that 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 noted that across the state, COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and positivity are increasing. Transmission control has decreased. The State is now looking at cases among school-aged children, which are increasing rapidly. The UK variant continues to be the dominant variant.

Summit County's cases continue to decrease, and hospitalization continues to be far below the surge capacity. Summit County is now using the metrics of incidence rate, hospitalization and vaccinations, and has adjusted the restriction levels.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Ms. Wineland noted that the Centura testing site in Frisco is moving to the Community and Senior Center, and will start working at the new location on Wednesday, April 28th.

She encouraged members of the public to get tested after traveling, even if they have been fully vaccinated.

Ms. Wineland noted that the State is starting to look at case rates versus vaccination rates. COVID-19 case rates are highest where vaccination rates are lowest.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland noted that there are live links and walkup opportunities for vaccination, which are listed on the SummitCountyco.gov website. Pre-registration is no longer necessary.

The CVS pharmacy at Target has begun vaccinating for COVID-19.

The CDC has ceased its pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, so local providers will begin using it again.

Summit County is expected to have 60% of residents fully vaccinated and be able move to Level Blue early next week.

Ms. Wineland noted that Public Health is gathering data on individuals who have not yet received their second dose. There are openings for individuals to receive a second dose if they were not able to make their original appointments, and Public Health will be reaching out to those individuals.

Commissioners and staff discussed ways to incentivize people in the 20-29 age range to receive their vaccinations. Commissioner Pogue noted that Arapahoe Basin has expressed willingness to host vaccination clinics.

Commissioners and staff discussed vaccination and events in the 16-18 age group, including graduation events, youth sports and prom.

iv. Transmission Trends

Ms. Wineland noted that the Contact Tracing team has noticed higher COVID-19 infection rates in restaurants, resorts and schools. There was only one outbreak reported in the last week.

There has been an increase in cases not wanting to disclose contact information for fully vaccinated close contacts because they feel vaccination means complete immunity.

b. Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine noted that current messaging includes vaccination messaging for readily available appointments, progress updates, the CDPHE mobile clinic bus, and a BOCC resolution recognizing the volunteers in our community.

c. Emergency Management Update

II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above

Commissioners and staff discussed the local Public Health Order, including sports team gathering limits and aligning with the State Public Health Order.

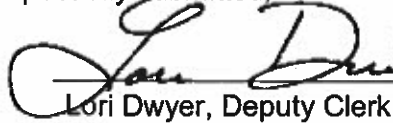
Commissioners and staff discussed a move to Level Blue, including metrics needed to make the move.

Commissioner Lawrence noted that this is the last Tuesday Board of Health meeting.

III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

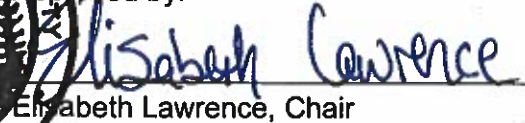
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Dwyer, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:


Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair