

TO: Summit County Board of Health  
Scott Vargo  
Jeff Huntley  
FROM: Sara R Lopez  
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of April 29, 2021  
DATE: April 29, 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; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management Director; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director, April Kroner, Planning Director; Joanne Sprouse, Human Services Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Blair McGary, Don Parsons, Hellen Cospolich, Katie Knoll, Mikki Grebetz, Peter Siegel, Sawyer DArgonne, Tara Olson 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

- After slight decrease earlier last week, percent positivity is up again
- Trends are variable across the state; seeing correlation with vaccination rates.
- Steepest case increase among school-aged children.
- Hospitalizations are increasing.
- Unclear death trend.
- More than 50% of specimens sequenced at the state lab are variants of concern, most are B.1.1.7, which continues to increase, while B.1.427/B.1.429 is decreasing.

Key Messages

- Estimated that 1 in every 88 Coloradans are currently infectious, much higher than mid-March.
- The benefits of vaccination are clear for older Coloradans. We estimate that approximately 37% of Coloradans overall and >80% of those over age 645 are currently immune due to vaccination and/or prior infection.
- The growth in hospitalizations and infections appears to be largely due to spread of infections among those less than 65, most not yet immune. Adults age 40-64 account for the greatest of

COVID-19 hospital admissions. Approximately 40% of the 40-64 population are estimated to be immune.

- If we continue to see decays in transmission control, akin to what has occurred since early March, we could exceed the December peak in hospital demand.
- Mobility is reaching its highest levels since the start of the pandemic. Some of this increased activity is driven by vaccinated people.

#### Variant Cases To Date

- B.1.1.7 (UK) – 26 cases
- B.1.427/B.1.429 (CA) – 12 cases
- B.1.526.2 (NYC) – 2 cases

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

Ms. Wineland asked for anyone who traveled for Spring Break to get tested, and said that the Centura Health testing site has successfully moved to the Community and Senior Center location in Frisco.

#### **iii. Vaccine Distribution Update**

Ms. Wineland said that vaccination clinics will reduce in size as the majority of people are vaccinated. They will focus on smaller neighborhood clinics and will be working with ski areas.

#### Summit Residents Vaccinated

- Fully Vaccinated: 53.8%
- Partially Vaccinated: 18.4%
- At least 1 Vaccine Dose: 72.2%

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

#### **iv. Transmission Trends**

##### Cases: 4/20/20 – 4/27/21

- Total cases: 37
- Restaurants: 1 of 1 worked while infectious
- Resorts: 1 of 2 worked while infectious
- School: 1 of 6 attended while infectious

##### Outbreaks: 4/20/20 – 4/27/21

No outbreaks to report

##### Trends: 4/20/20 – 4/27/21

Public Health has seen an increase in positive individuals not wanting to disclose the name/info of supposed "fully vaccinated" close contacts, thinking that vaccination means complete immunity. Ms. Wineland reminded the importance of continuing to gather close-contact information to confirm vaccine status.

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

No new updates besides the changes that went out on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The order will be updated to highlight what changed from the previous order.

**c) 5-Star Program Update**

There are no significant changes to the 5-Star Certification Program, and most of the focus is on getting people vaccinated.

**d) Communications Update and Discussion**

Nicole Valentine said they are communicating to the community that vaccine appointments are no longer required. Walk-ups are welcome. They are also coordinating a volunteer appreciation event for May 20, 2021.

**e) Emergency Management Update**

No updates.

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

April Kroner gave an update on the Recovery Program and progress on the Dashboard.

**g) Community Indicators and Programs**

The requirements that had prevented people from qualifying for assistance programs were lowered during the pandemic, and have been extended for a while. Many departments will now have to rehire positions that were vacated due to staff moving away from the county during the pandemic. Commissioner Lawrence noted that affordable housing has been listed as one of the main causes for leaving the county and expressed dismay at the steep rent prices she has seen across the county.

**II. 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*.

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

Jeff Huntley and Jeff Huntley requested an Executive Session to discuss Confidential Information related to Public Health Matters, the Public Health Order, Emergency Declaration 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 Confidential Information related to Public Health Matters, the Public Health Order, Emergency Declaration 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. The motion was approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

  
Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk

  
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Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair