

TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R Lopez
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of July 20, 2021
DATE: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 @ Ten Mile Room

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Elisabeth Lawrence and Tamara Pogue – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Jenna deJong

I. Standing Agenda Items/Updates

Public Health Director Updates

i. Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends

Amy Wineland gave an overview of the latest case data with cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

Overall, the number of cases are increasing across the state, with a rise in the new Delta variant. The new strain of the virus is attacking younger populations, young adults and unvaccinated. Labs are now sequencing every positive case for the delta variant.

Kids are now accounting for 24% of the new COVID infections across the nation (previously 2%). This population is mainly unvaccinated. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has recommended universal masking in schools for anyone over the age of two (2) for the coming school year.

Commissioner Pogue shared a concern from the community regarding long-term implications on immune systems for kids because of mask wearing. Ms. Wineland said that there is no data on that thus far. The disruption of in-classroom learning is having the most long-term impact.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) will issue guidance for schools, childcare, etc.; they might consider a community's vaccination rate.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Symptoms for COVID continue to be the same as before and it applies to those fully vaccinated as well.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Summit County Vaccination rate is 76%, and Public Health continues to hold Vaccination Clinics and everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated. Children under 12 years old will potentially be eligible for a vaccine mid-fall to winter.

There is a new Antibody treatment to prevent severe COVID-19. This treatment is available for those that test positive, have mild to moderate symptoms and are in higher risk categories. Centura Health does provide this treatment and the cost of the drug is free federally. It is offered at the emergency room but there would be an ER and Physician charge.

When asking individuals why they are getting vaccinated, the most common reasons are: they want to travel, school requirements, mom and dad keep asking them to get vaccinated, or they know individuals that have gotten vaccinated and have not had side effects.

For additional information on vaccine clinics, please visit:

<https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1423/Scheduling-Vaccinations>

iv. Transmission Trends

Cases are increasing across the state but hospitalizations have remained stable. Looking at the one-week cumulative incidence rate map, Summit County's numbers are high, although vaccination rates are also high. Links in cases based on prevention guidelines no longer being followed, people gathering more often, and some individuals going to work sick. There has been an increase in breakthrough cases in the county, meaning fully vaccinated individuals are getting sick with the virus.

Ms. Wineland reminded everyone that the vaccine is not 100% effective and to get tested if they experience any symptoms, or are exposed to someone sick with the virus.

CTT Trends

- Increase in Delta variant
- Majority of cases are individuals in their 20's or 30's
- Increase in cases cannot be attributed completely to 4th of July activities

Cases in last month 6.22.21 – 7.20.21

- 0-11 year olds: 8 cases (11.6%)
- 12-19 year olds: 3 cases (4.3%)
- 20-29 year olds: 19 cases (27.5%)
- **30-39 year olds: 15 cases (21.7%)** - 20/30's make up right at 50% of cases
- 40-49 year olds: 7 cases (10.1%)
- 50-59 year olds: 6 cases (8.7%)

- 60-69 year olds: 8 cases (11.6%)
- 70+: 3 cases (4.3%)

Breakthrough cases to date: 33 (~2.5%) - 97.5% of cases are among unvaccinated individuals.

Variant Updates

- B.1.1.7: 146 cases
 - B.1.427/429: 16 cases
 - B.1.526: 4 cases
 - B.1.617.2: 9 cases(Delta)
 - P.1: 2 cases
 - Other: 1 case
- Total Cases: 178

Public Health Order Update

The current PH Order is set to expire on July 31, 2021 and Ms. Wineland recommended extending the current order until we receive further guidance from the state. Commissioners suggested extending it, based on the school guidance. Commissioner Lawrence opened the discussion to public comment but reminded attendees that School Districts will continue to have autonomy on what guidelines they implement.

Commissioners asked for a meeting before the Monthly BOH/BOCC Special Work Session scheduled for August 24, 2021. It was agreed to wait until the school guidelines are released, before scheduling the meeting.

Communications Update and Discussion

The Communications Department is increasing their efforts to keep the community informed on the increase in cases. Commissioner Pogue asked that testing to be the primary message, as well as the availability of at-home-tests. Visit: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home> for additional information.

Emergency Management Update

Brian Bovaird gave an update on quarantined individuals and the arrangements being made for future quarantine needs. Mako COVID-19 testing will move permanently to the Senior Center; they are currently located in Silverthorne. The Emergency Disaster Center has been deactivated.

II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above


No updates.

III. 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*.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair