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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 January 7, 2021  
DATE: January 7, 2021

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**Attendees:**

Elected Officials (via Zoom): Karn Stiegelmeier, Elisabeth Lawrence and Thomas C. Davidson – Commissioners  
Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (via phone or Zoom): Scott Vargo, County Manager; 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 Services Director; Nicole Valentine, Public Health PIO; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Alys Macias, Ashley Kubiszyn, David Obrien, Hal Vatcher, Libby Stanford, Lisa May, Peter Siegel, Peyton Rogers, Shannon Haynes, Tamara Pogue, Ted Amenta and others who did not sign in.

**1) Standing Agenda Items/Updates**

**a) Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends**

Amy Wineland said positive cases have slightly increased within the county; however, it is difficult to know just how significant the impact from the holidays will be, and it will take 7 to 10 days to determine the effects from New Year's Day. No cases of the COVID-19 virus variant have been found in Summit County.

Ms. Wineland also shared the percentage of cases based on Occupational Categories for the state. The categories with the highest percentage are Retail, Health Care & Human Services, Accommodations and Food Services.

Amy Wineland explained the measures a person should follow, after receiving the first vaccination dose. She said they should continue to follow the 6-Commitments because the vaccine is not fully active until two weeks after the second dose is administered. She also cautioned that they don't yet know if a person can be infected after vaccination.

**b) Local Testing Statistics and Program Update**

Amy Wineland noted that with school starting next week, anyone with symptoms, even mild ones, should be tested. She also gave a quick overview of the BinaxNOW rapid antigen at-home test.

Sarah Vaine brought up the effect the pandemic has had on mental health and said she will gather data that can be shared along with COVID-19 case updates.

**c) Vaccine Distribution Update**

Brian Bovaird gave an update on the testing PODs/drive-thru vaccinations held on Thursdays, and said the Community Care Clinic will conduct a testing POD on Friday, January 8, 2021. The state will no longer use 2018 census numbers to allocate vaccine amounts; therefore, the county can offer the vaccine to part-time residents and second homeowners over 70+. Details on eligibility will be posted on the county website.

**d) Transmission Trends**

Amy Wineland reiterated the importance of avoiding gatherings as most infections can be traced to small and/or family gatherings. If someone in the family is sick, even with the sniffles, they could have a mild case of the virus, yet the person that becomes infected, may have a severe reaction.

**e) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes**

Commissioner Lawrence brought up the discrepancy in requirements between lodging and restaurants or retail shops. Lodging property managers and Short Term Rentals (STRs) are required to confirm that no more than two households are staying in a unit, but restaurants and shops do not have to confirm that only two households are eating or shopping together.

Commissioners and staff discussed updating the Public Health Order language to make it equitable for all industries. Commissioners agreed to have attorneys review the language and come to an agreement next week.

Scott Vargo and Commissioner Lawrence reminded everyone that the county needs to stay below the 530 number, or the state could move it back to Level Red.

**f) Communications Update and Discussion**

Nicole Valentine gave an update on the way they are communicating vaccine availability. They have started using SCAAlert and have over 26,000 subscribers. She also noted mentioned the frustration some people have shared with the difficulty to use the vaccine scheduler, with having to refresh the page for available time, and noted that there were a large number of visitors to the page, which could have cause the delays.

Ms. Valentine also said that the latest update for *Straight From the Moose's Mouth* will be posted to Facebook on Friday. She also reminded everyone about the BOCC Weekly Town Hall that will be held on Fridays via Zoom. The Town Hall will be streamed through Facebook Live and will be translated into Spanish.

**g) Emergency Management Update**

Brian Bovaird said that Emergency Management Services (EMS) will continue to conduct vaccination PODs every Thursday, while vaccines continue to arrive. He said that with the

vaccination process, his department has seen a steep increase in phone calls; therefore, they will add menu options to assist the community.

Commissioner Davidson asked about assisting the Spanish-speaking population. Mr. Bovaird said they have been using the language line used by 911, as well as several Spanish-speaking staff members that provide translation when needed.

#### **h) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates**

Commissioner Lawrence gave an update on her meeting with the Chamber of Commerce concerning the Innovation Grants that will be granted to county businesses. Mr. Vargo said the county will offer assistance in the form of a budget amendment. Commissioners agreed.

Bentley Henderson gave an update on the 5-Star Certification Committee meeting and their discussion regarding alcohol sales for fine dining restaurants. The Public Health Order has changed the time they must stop serving alcohol from 9:00pm to 9:30pm; however, this new time still removes a full sitting for restaurants. They asked to change the time to 10:00pm, as this has a great economic impact for them.

Ms. Wineland will meet with the state on Friday morning and will receive instructions from the state based on case percentages. The County currently has over 500 cases and the state may require additional mitigation measures. She is hoping that removing alcohol from the tables before 10pm will be enough mitigation but will not know until the meeting

Commissioners decided to keep the time at 9:30pm until the state provides case data, especially with the holidays.

#### **i) Community Indicators and Programs**

Sarah Vaine gave an update on her conversations with organizations that assist the community, including Human Services. The Family Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC) reported that food requests have kept steady.

### **2) Critical Topics Not Covered Above**

#### **3) Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed**

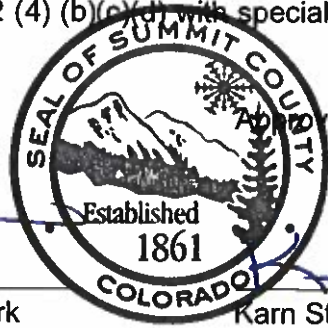
Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at [www.summitcountyco.gov](http://www.summitcountyco.gov). Click on *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

#### **4) Discussion of Confidential Information related to a Legal Action against Summit County Government and to receive Legal Advice related thereto. (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).**

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session related to a legal action against Summit County Government and the legal advice related thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to discuss information Executive Session related to a legal action against Summit County Government and the 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 and 24-72-204. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Approved by:

Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk

Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair