



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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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 6, 2021  
DATE: April 6, 2021

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### **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; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Brian Bovaird, Director of Emergency Management; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Nicole Valentine, Director of Communications; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Andy Atencio, Information Systems Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Ashley Michels, Ashley Kubiszyn, Jeanne Bistranin, Cea Mills, Blair McGary, Corry Mihm, Peyton Rogers, Tara Olson, Peter Siegel, Don Parsons, Joan Jardon, Jennifer Cawley, Katie Knoll, Scott Reid, Peter Reeburgh, Helen Cospolich, Roger Cardoza, Melany Beck 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, cases are beginning to rise, as is the percent positivity. Summit County cases have been above the threshold for Level Orange for the last ten days. Ms. Wineland noted that Summit County will not be able to move back to Level Yellow until Level Yellow metrics are achieved for 7 consecutive days.

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

Ms. Wineland noted that testing is backlogged, so it is difficult to track variants at this time. She noted that Colorado has identified its first Brazil P.1 variant. She noted that even individuals who have been vaccinated can show mild illness, so it is important for those individuals to continue getting tested.

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

Ms. Wineland noted that Colorado opened vaccination to the general public on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. She encouraged everyone who has not yet preregistered for vaccination to do so. She noted that there is a substantial amount of the vaccine coming into the County in the next week. 53% of Summit County residents have received at least 1 dose. Those under age 16 cannot get the vaccine yet. She noted a number of upcoming opportunities for vaccination, including but not limited to neighborhood popup clinics, large Summit County Public Health clinics and the Summit Community Care Clinic. She noted that current information does show that the vaccine is effective against variants, including the Brazil P.1 variant.

Ms. Wineland noted that Public Health is seeing a trend of invitations for vaccination appointments going to spam folders. Public Health is sending an SCAlert in conjunction with those invitations, and will do a mass SC alert to the community when appointments are not filled.

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

Ms. Wineland noted that the Contact Tracing team has noticed high COVID-19 infection rates in the 20-29 year-old age range. Other transmission trends included resort and restaurant workers, social outbreaks, and school-based outbreaks.

#### **b. Communications Update and Discussion**

Nicole Valentine noted that current messaging includes Facebook Live events, sharing information about getting everyone vaccinated, and National Public Health Week.

#### **c. Emergency Management Update**

### **II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above**

Commissioners and staff discussed the move back to Level Orange, which will occur at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Scott Vargo clarified that Five Star Certified businesses may operate in Level Yellow. Ms. Wineland noted the differences between the levels, including capacity restrictions.

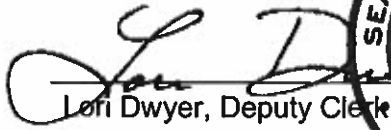
Commissioners and staff discussed the upcoming end of the State dial, and how Summit County will proceed afterward. Mr. Vargo noted that staff has been meeting with various community groups to gather information about their needs, with some information to be brought to Thursday's Joint Board of Health/Board of County Commissioners meeting. He noted that Summit County Government will need to devise a metric for making changes, which may include variants, vaccination rates, or hospitalizations.

### **III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed**

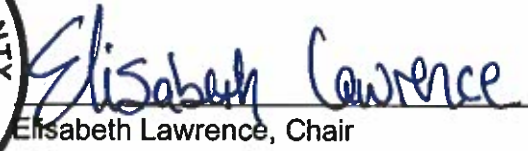
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

  
Lori Dwyer, Deputy Clerk



  
Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair