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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 April 15, 2021
DATE: April 15, 2021

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; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Dan Hendershot, Environmental Health Manager; Andy Atencio, IS Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.,

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Blair McGary, Bob Cottrell, Cea Mills, Don Parsons Hal Vatcher, Hellen Cospolich, Jen Pullen, Jenna DeJong, Jim Baird, Joan Jardon, Katie Knoll, Nick Budd, Peyton Rogers, Town of Breckenridge 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

- Cases, percent positivity, hospitalizations increasing.
- No clear increase in deaths at this time.
- Update on Variants
 - 1898 cases of the B.1.1.7 (UK) variant of concern
 - 31 cases of the B.1.351 (South Africa) variant of concern
 - 567 cases of the B.1.427/B.1.429 (CA) variant of concern
 - 16 cases of the P.1 (Brazil) NEW
 - 86 cases of the B.1.526.2 (NYC) variant under investigation
 - 2 cases of the P.2 (Brazil- NOT P.1) variant under investigation
- More than 50% of specimens sequenced at the state lab are variants of concern; most of these are of the B.1.1.7 variant.

Key Messages

- Based on data through 4/05, we estimate that transmission control has remained at 68%, the same as last week. The effective reproductive number remains above 1 at 1/08 indicating growth of infections. Approximately one in 196 people in Colorado are currently infectious.
- The benefits of vaccinations continue to be realized. We estimate that approximately 30% of Coloradans are currently immune due to vaccination and/or prior infection. Of those 65+, approximately 75% are immune, but the decline of hospitalizations in those 70+ has paused.
- We conducted a statistical analysis of the potential impact of removal of the Colorado COVID-19 Dial and used these estimates to project COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths in Colorado under different policy and behavior change scenarios.
- Delaying policy changes until mid-May, vs mid-April, will prevent large numbers of deaths and hospitalizations.
- If vaccinations continue as planned, major policy changes or behavior could be adopted in May without major increases in hospitalizations or COVID_10 deaths.
- Variant growth, the future trajectory, and how policy changes will impact behaviors are major sources of uncertainty. Rapid growth of the B.1.1.7 variant or increases in hospitalizations would signal a need for caution in adopting further policy changes in the next few weeks.
- Mobility is reaching its highest levels since the start of the pandemic.

Variant Cases To Date

- B.1.1.7 (UK) – 24 cases
- B.1.427/B.1.429 (CA) – 10 cases
- B.1.526.2 (NYC) – 1 case

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

Centura Health will be moving into a new testing location at the Senior and Community Center on April 26-27, 2021, and will be open on April 28, 2021.

iii. **Vaccine Distribution Update**

Ms. Wineland said the pause on the J&J vaccine has not affected Summit County's vaccine numbers so far. She was also excited to share that the state will send a Mobile Covid-19 Vaccination Bus and Summit County will be their first stop. Additional details will be available on the county website. The County is on track with the vaccination goals.

Summit Residents Vaccinated

- Fully Vaccinated: 36.5%
- Partially Vaccinated: 29.2%
- At least 1 Vaccine Dose: 65.7%

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

iv. **Transmission Trends**

Cases

- Total: 91
- Restaurant: 6 of the 6 worked while infectious
- Resort: 20 of the 37 worked while infectious

Outbreaks

- Social Gathering: 1
- Restaurant: 0
- Resort: 1
- School: 0
- Other: 1

b) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes

Amy Wineland went over the metrics for Summit County's COVID-19 Dial to be adopted on April 16, 2021. She went over the metrics being proposed moving forward.

Commissioner Pogue asked if the new metrics and numbers would continue to be updated on the County website and Ms. Wineland said the data will be available but the milestones will be different. She also said the state will still have a Public Health Order and the mask mandate will continue.

Commissioner Blanchard asked how shifting from the state's dial to the county's dial will affect Summit School District (SSD) students. Ms. Wineland noted that SSD has autonomy and they make their own decisions no matter what the County recommends. The Public Health (PH) department provides guidance but they make their own decisions.

She also noted that some counties have decided to do away with the Dial because they do not feel their communities are in danger; those counties may have already been in Level Green for a while.

Cameron Turpin explained how the county created the new PHO and explained that previously the County had followed the state's order but now had to create a new version.

Commissioner Blanchard acknowledged that many in the community are concerned about the county opening up too quickly. He reminded everyone that we are still not out of the woods as case numbers are still high. The hope is that as more people are vaccinated, there will come a point where the county can open comfortably.

Sarah Vaine also mentioned the groups that are still ineligible for vaccination, including children under 16 years old. She asked families to continue following the 6 Commitments and wearing masks to protect those groups.

c) 5-Star Program Update

There are no changes to the 5-Star Certification Program. Keep current rules until the county achieves Level Green metrics of vaccination goal

d) Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine gave an update on the Town Hall on Friday, April 16 at 10:00 am, co-hosted by the Summit Chamber and the towns. The focus will be on vaccination. Ms. Valentine has been working with the towns' SPIOs to find locations in the towns to make vaccinations more accessible to everyone.

e) Emergency Management Update

No updates.

f) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates

No updates.

g) Community Indicators and Programs

No updates

II. 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*.

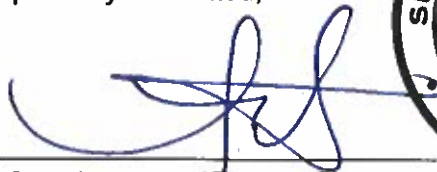
III. Discussion of Confidential Real Estate Negotiations Matters and Receive Legal Advice. (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

Scott Vargo and Jeff Huntley requested an Executive Session to discuss Confidential Real Estate Negotiations and receive legal advice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to discuss confidential real estate negotiations and receive legal advice. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair