



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

970.453.3402 ph | 970.453.3535 f

208 East Lincoln Ave. | PO Box 68

www.SummitCountyCO.gov

Breckenridge, CO 80424

TO: Summit County Board of Health  
Scott Vargo  
Jeff Huntley  
FROM: Sara R Lopez  
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Meeting of April 23, 2020  
DATE: April 23, 2020

---

**Attendees:**

Elected Officials (via conference phone): Karn Stiegelmeier, Thomas C. Davidson and Elisabeth Lawrence – Commissioners.

Staff (via conference phone): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance; Julie Sutor, Communications; Amy Wineland, Public Health; Jaime FitzSimons, Sheriff's Office; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Peter Siegel.

**I. Updates on COVID-19 Response**

Sarah Vaine and Amy Wineland gave an overview of the COVID-19 testing process.

There have been comments and question as to why the Public Health Department was not conducting all COVID-19 tests. Ms. Vaine provided the example of a person sick with Strep Throat. He or she would go to his/her health care provider to receive a test and treatment, not to the Public Health office.

During a pandemic or outbreak, health care clinics will test and diagnose and if a test comes back positive, they will inform Public Health so this department can conduct an investigation, monitoring and contact tracing.

Scott Vargo noted the difficult work of the Board of Health (BOH) when it comes to the new Governor's Orders. As an example, the "Safer at Home" order will not be released until Monday, April 27, 2020 when it goes into effect. The BOH is working on a local version of the order without having all the information needed with the goal of having minimum changes once all the details are released.

Commissioner Lawrence spoke about Child Care Centers and their concern with having to reopen May 11, 2020. Ms. Lawrence has informed them that the BOCC is not telling them to open on a certain date and Child Care Centers can open once they feel comfortable doing so. Mr. Vargo noted that even though the Governor's Orders allows some businesses to partially open, they do not have to. In fact, Summit County's orders may be stricter than the Governor's order as it relates to Retail and Short Term Rentals.

Mr. Vargo discussed second homeownership and noted that there are valid reasons as to why these homeowners want to use their property. Many second homeowners use their homes as their permanent residence during the summer or may need to conduct maintenance, etc. The main issue with second homes is the constant travel to and from second home which is discouraged.

Summit County's public health orders on personal services, like hair and nail salons, are still pending instructions from the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

Scott Vargo understands the frustration voiced by people and business owners who feel not enough notice is given with new orders. Some believe the county is privy to new information from the Governor's Office but is not sharing it with the public; however, this is not the case. Most of the time, counties are finding out about new orders at the same time as the public.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:



Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk

Karen Stiegelmeier, Chair