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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 June 8, 2020
DATE: June 8, 2020

Attendees:

Elected Officials (via conference phone): Karn Stiegelmeier, Thomas C. Davidson and Elisabeth Lawrence – 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; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Julie Sutor, Communications Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Peter Siegel, Bryan Webinger and others who did not sign in.

I. Recovery and Resilience Process

Commissioners and senior staff discussed various topics including but not limited to:

Scott and Commissioners agreed to change the frequency of BOH/BOCC Joint Meeting/Briefings to twice a week. For this week, meetings will be held on Monday and Thursday. Starting next week they will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Amy Wineland gave an update on the trends Public Health (PH) has seen lately related to COVID-19. One of the issues has been people going to work while sick. They have determined that people of color have been disproportionately affected by the virus, up to 60% with the Hispanic community. PH is putting together strategies to identify positive cases faster, and follow up with close contacts in a more expedient manner.

Some of the reasons for people going to work sick could be because they have been out of work for a long time and are anxious to bring home income to support their families. Many establishments that PH has worked with have been supportive in incentivizing their employees to stay home and comply with quarantine orders. However, not all employers are like that. Public Health is working on collaborating with businesses and reminding them how their businesses benefit from having their staff wear face coverings, doing symptoms checks and identifying if

someone needs to be tested. Having a person with symptoms tested and isolated will shorten the extent of the spread, and businesses will not have to lose half their workforce to outbreaks and risk being shut down. Ms. Wineland also informed the Board that Centura Health will handle the majority of COVID-19 testing, including mobile testing.

Commissioner Lawrence brought up physical distancing for weddings. Scott Vargo gave a quick summary on the latest from the state. The state has included graduations, funerals, and wedding ceremonies within their Houses of Worship Guidance. Ceremonies can be held indoors at 50% capacity or up to 50 people maximum. This is limited to the ceremony itself. Any reception or party being held after the ceremony will be limited to 10 people. If a couple plans to have an outdoor wedding, they can request a permit from the Public Health Department to exceed the 50-person maximum for the outdoor ceremony only.

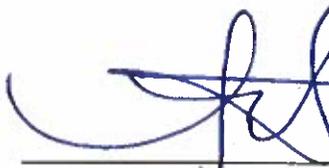
Mr. Vargo updated Commissioners on a conversation he had with Vail Resorts representatives who asked for clarification on gathering sizes for summer activities. He explained to them that even if Summit County wanted to put in a variance request to allow for larger gathering sizes for wedding, the county does not qualify under the state framework, because of the number of COVID-19 cases per hundred-thousand is too high. One of the more enhanced ways this virus seems to spread is through large gatherings, also called super-spreading events. This is why the county is avoiding them at this time.

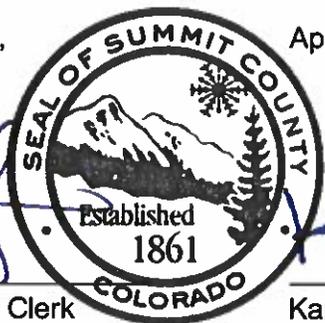
He also informed the Board that Vail Resorts and Copper Mountain Resort will put together a single plan for all of ski areas and submit it as an industry plan. They will include an appendix for each ski area but will be doing it as one big group.

Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at www.summitcountyco.gov under *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:


Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk


Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair

