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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 July 21, 2020  
DATE: July 21, 2020

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**Attendees:**

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

Staff (via phone or Zoom): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Julie Sutor, Communications Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Services Director; Hayden Hedman, Public Health Data Analyst; Nicole Valentine, Public Health PIO; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Alison Mathes, Peter Siegel, Ann Marie Damian, Libby Stanford and others who did not sign in.

**I. Recovery and Resilience Process**

Scott Vargo and Amy Wineland gave an update on Summit County positive cases and it compares to neighboring Counties, some of which have had an increase in positive cases and are looking to rollback reopening measures. There have still been delays on getting test results and Public Health (PH) department will examine who is eligible to be tested locally to avoid straining the system even more.

The Public Health department received complaints over the weekend regarding the amount of people allowed at some grocery stores. PH went over their guidelines with the stores and made corrections to ensure their protocols meet county requirements.

Review of the New Executive Order from Governor Polis, which suspends all alcohol sales after 10:00 p.m. each day. This applies to all entities licensed to sell liquor including restaurants and liquor stores. The order takes effect on Thursday, July 23, 2020. The group also discussed the state's mask wearing order and gyms. The state order specifies that patrons must wear a mask if working out around other people who are not household members, even if they can keep enough distance between them.

The county will be working with resort areas to come up with a plan for the winter season. Commissioner Davidson expressed concern on whether the county is ready to handle the volume of seasonal employees and visitors. Mr. Vargo noted this summer has been a trial run for the county, and so far, the system has not met requirements. The biggest issue is with delays on receiving test results in a timely manner. Not having those results affects Public Health's ability to conduct contact tracing.

Thomas Davidson asked about jurisdiction for county visitors who test positive and who handles the contact tracing, the county or the state. Ms. Wineland noted that PH gets involved but the state is the one that handles it.

The Public Health Department will restart the 'Five Commitments to Containment' campaign to remind locals and visitors of the importance of these steps to prevent the spread of the virus. They include:

#### **Five Commitments to Containment**

1. **Wear a cloth face covering** in all indoor public settings; wear a mask in outdoor settings where 6 feet of physical distance is difficult to maintain (e.g., recreational pathways, downtown areas). Face coverings are required by the current Summit County Public Health Order.
2. **Practice hand hygiene frequently:** Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
3. **Get tested if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.** By being tested, you help public health teams understand and contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
4. **Stay home if you are sick.** If you have symptoms of illness, avoid spreading it to others. Stay home, except for necessary trips to seek medical care.
5. **Practice physical distancing** by maintaining at least 6 feet of separation from persons not in your household.

Mr. Vargo stated that after traveling to different parts of the US during the past month, he is even more impressed with Summit County's response to the pandemic. The amount of information being shared with the public, enforcement of guidelines, and the willingness of most citizens to follow recommendations is admirable, especially when compared to other states or even other Colorado areas.

Sarah Vaine mentioned the article published in The Sun regarding the treatment that Public Health leaders have received throughout the country. Ms. Vaine remarked on the amount of work she has seen Amy Wineland and PH staff have put forth and the vicious personal attacks they have had to deal with. Commissioners and senior staff thanked Ms. Wineland for working so hard for the County.

Julie Sutor asked Commissioners whether the County should continue sending out the emergency message reminding the public to wear a mask or face covering. These messages have been sent out on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am. Ms. Sutor observed the county has been receiving a high influx of visitors on weekends and it is important to remind them of the county rules. Local residents are aware of when the message is delivered, and will know to pay attention when an emergency message arrives at a different day and time. Commissioners decided to continue sending out the messages through the month of August.

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

**II. Review recent Public Health Data, Agreements and the Legal Issues related thereto (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).**

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session to review Public Health data, Agreements and the Legal Issues related thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to review recent Public Health Data, Agreements and the Legal Issues related thereto. The BOCC voted 2 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d) with special reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:



Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Elisabeth Lawrence, Vice-Chair