

TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R Lopez
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of July 30, 2021
DATE: Friday, July 30, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Josh Blanchard– Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management Director; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Adam Kisiel, Public Information Officer and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via Zoom): Amy Kemp, Andrew Pappas, Ann Marie Damian, Annette Parsons, Bob Barto, Jenna deJong, Kristin Skoglund, Nathan Johnson, Peyton Rogers and Phil Lindeman.

I. Standing Agenda Items/Updates

Public Health Director Updates

i. **Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends**

Amy Wineland gave an overview of the latest case data with cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

Overall, the number of cases are increasing across the state, with a rise in the new Delta variant.

Overview of the proportion of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths among unvaccinated individuals in Colorado - July 1, 2021 to July 17, 2021

- Breakthrough cases: 1,140
- Hospitalizations: 56
- Deaths among cases: 11
- Deaths due to COVID-19: 3

Mobility Update

Contacts spiked over July 4th to some of the highest levels seen, including pre-COVID. These spikes were most prominent in the Denver area. 17 counties are experiencing a high number of visitors in recent weeks. About 45% of visitors from other states, and around 30% from elsewhere in Colorado.

Since July 4th, Summit County has averaged almost 3 visitors per resident. We are tied with San Miguel for highest number of visitors among resort counties, 50% higher than Pitkin, Gunnison and Grand, and almost triple than Routt and Eagle.

Interim CDC Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

- Urged everyone in schools to wear masks.
- Wear a mask in public indoor settings if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission including in schools K-12.
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Get tested 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result.
- Isolate if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Symptoms for COVID continue to be the same as before and it applies to those fully vaccinated as well.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Summit County Vaccination rate is 76%, and Public Health continues to hold Vaccination Clinics and everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated. For additional information on vaccine clinics, please visit: <https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1423/Scheduling-Vaccinations>

iv. Transmission Trends

Ms. Wineland reminded everyone that the vaccine is not 100% effective and to get tested if they experience any symptoms, or are exposed to someone sick with the virus.

CTT Trends

- Increasing number of breakthroughs in the past few weeks.
- Epi linkage trends are households/spouses/couples, large events such as concerts and social gathering.
- Case ages are largely in the 20's and 30's during the past few weeks.
- Increase in housing and other resource needs this month.

Cases from 6.1.21 – 6.30.21 = 23 cases confirmed

- 0-11 year olds: 1
- 12-19 year olds: 1
- 20-29 year olds: 8
- 30-39 year olds: 3
- 40-49 year olds: 3
- 50-59 year olds: 4
- 60+: 3

Cases from 7.1.21 – 7.29.21 = 174 cases confirmed (~7 times the case volume as June)

- 0-11 year olds: 17
- 12-19 year olds: 11
- 20-29 year olds: 60 (33.9%)
- 30-39 year olds: 35 (19.8%)
- 40-49 year olds: 25
- 50-59 year olds: 16
- 60+: 13

Cases by Occupation

- Agriculture: 1
- Childcare: 7
- Construction: 20
- Grocery: 2
- Healthcare: 5
- Hospitality: 18
- Other: 18
- Restaurant: 25
- Retail: 9
- Transportation: 1
- Unemployed: 20
- Did not disclose: 55

Public Health Order Update

No changes

Communications Update and Discussion

The Communications Department is increasing their efforts to keep the community informed on the increase in cases, as well as COVID testing. They recommended for anyone with flu-like symptoms to get tested, as well as anyone who has been exposed (e.g. after attending a concert, or a baseball game) should also be tested 3-5 days after exposure.

They will disseminate a video through social media regarding testing. The county's Chatbot has also captured a lot of questions from the community regarding COVID, mainly regarding testing.

Commissioners suggested reaching out to large employers regarding providing testing to their employees on site. Ms. Wineland noted this will be addressed at Friday's Town Hall. They also asked about pregnant women and the vaccine and suggested asking a health care provider to provide information.

Commissioner Pogue suggested adding a note to the Summit Daily explaining why the county although it has a high vaccination rate, also has a high rate of cases.

Visit: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home> for additional information.

Emergency Management Update

Brian Bovaird gave an update and noted that the call volume to their hotline has increased and many of the questions are related to the need to get tested. The testing site location change to the Senior Center will happen on Sunday and will open for business on Monday morning, August 2, 2021.

II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above

No updates.

III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

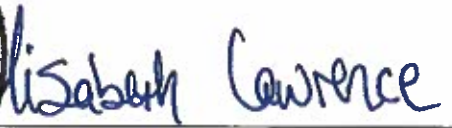
Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at www.summitcountyco.gov. Click on *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:

Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair