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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 September 7, 2021  
DATE: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @12:00 p.m.

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**Attendees:**

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

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; Adam Kisiel, Public Affairs Coordinator; Michael Wurzel, April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (in person or via Zoom): Andrew Pappas, Blair McGary, Mat Levine, Peter Siegel, Phil Lindeman, Sawyer D'Argonne, Shianne Elliot

**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.

The cases are rising within the state but not at the rates of other states, higher than late last spring and the concern is with the holiday weekend. Most of the cases within the county are among unvaccinated individuals.

Hospitalizations between CO vs the rest of the States. CO is doing well. Anyone who has not gotten a vaccine is encouraged to get vaccinated. All of the cases have been identified as the Delta variant. Positivity rate has gone down slightly. Hospitalizations have increased and they are above where they were late last spring.

**Colorado Pediatric Case Rates**

The highest number of cases is among 6-11 year old, and cases among 12-17 year old are surpassing those 18+

**Other Respiratory Infections – RSV**

It's starting earlier than usual, the last time there were a lot of cases was in 2019 as last year there were hardly any cases due to mask-wearing measures.

Number of COVID-19 cases by collection date and vaccination status – rate per fully vaccinated and unvaccinated population. Even when these people get sick, they do not need to go to the hospital, as opposed to those who are unvaccinated. Estimated vaccine effectiveness is high and the main benefit is in preventing hospitalizations.

K-12 Outbreaks fall 2020 vs. fall 2021 – State-wide

Taking into consideration the fact that in 2020 school begun online and the definition of outbreaks has changed, this year there have been more outbreaks than at this time last year. The school district will be examining who first reported cases, students or staff.

Active Outbreak Cases by 9/1/20 vs 2021 – state-wide data

Vaccine demand continues to increase

At this point, SC is at 219.5 at this point and there was an increase in 2020 after Labor Day Weekend that was lower than the current number.

There will be a large influx of new people coming into the county to work and PH will be offering vaccine clinics.

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Capacity for testing

The temporary sites set up when the county was experiencing a high number of cases, have been moved to Eagle County as they are experiencing a high increase in cases.

Rapid testing is available at Centura Clinic and the Community Care Clinic. The time to get results is 24-36 hours but it can take up to 4 days. If someone is symptomatic and takes an at-home test and the result is negative, they should still get tested at a test site.

Ms. Wineland said that PH has been working with Summit School District and outdoor activities have been deemed low-risk with no quarantine requirements.

If a schoolchild gets an exposure letter and they get the Binax Now tests, these have to be proctored by a clinic. The Public Health (PH) department recommends that parents contact their health provider to get a rapid test. This only applies to those students identified as 'close contact' by Public Health, not those students that receive an exposure letter as they will no longer be required to get tested on the 5th day.

Commissioners asked for other options like going to the school, and Ms. Wineland noted that the School District has not decided whether they will participate in the rapid test program, as they would need additional staff. She also noted that schools are the safest place for kids and it would

not be a good idea to turn them into testing sites. She also reminded that most of the outbreaks have occurred in households and gatherings, not schools.

Mr. Vargo noted that the healthcare providers will be the front people to deal with testing and cases so they should start practicing for what is possibly to come. Commissioner Lawrence also noted the importance of communicating with the public where they can take their kids to get tested, and they should know exactly what steps they need to take. There is a need for concise and specific instructions.

To find a testing location or to register for a test please visit:

<https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1324/Testing>

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland discussed the possibility of booster shots. The process for these will be done differently than the vaccine PODS and will probably be done at the clinics. The information will be posted as soon as available.

For additional information on vaccine clinics, please visit:

<https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1423/Scheduling-Vaccinations>

iv. Transmission Trends

CTT Trends

- Increase in 60+ y.o. cases
- Increased hesitancy to interview
- Increase in establishments on the Outbreak radar
- Most exposure types listed are: workplace, household and community
- Increase in demand for testing
- A lot of cases working multiple days while sick
- Increase in use of Binax Now at home testing

Cases in June = 23 Confirmed

Cases in July = 194 Confirmed (>8 times the case volume as June)

Cases in August = 250

Cases from September 0-11: 15

- 0-11: 15
- 12-19: 24
- <18: 29
- 20's: 70 (28%)
- 30's: 40 (16%)
- 40's: 37 (14.8%)
- 50's: 27

- 60's+: 37 (14.8%)

What requires a quarantine?

Anyone with close contact with someone who has not been vaccinated, and has been closer than 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes.

Ms. Wineland noted how important it is for everyone in the community to get their flu shot. The local health providers may have already gotten their vaccines and once Public Health receives their vaccines, they will put out communications.

### **Public Health Order Update**

No changes to the current order. It will be extended through September 30 2021.

### **Communications Update and Discussion**

The communications department has been communicating with the public regarding closures of test sites. The state is continuing to support the county with the gift cards programs to encourage vaccinations, so CD will be working with the Town of Dillon to find different activities to use up these cards.

Current air advisory is in effect and if it continues to increase they will put out an SC Alert to inform the community.

### **Emergency Management Update**

No updates

## **II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above**

No updates.

## **III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed**

Commissioner Blanchard thanked Amy Wineland and her team for their hard work during the pandemic. As much as everyone wishes that we were done with COVID-19, that's not the case. He said that we are past the point of begging or shaming people into getting the vaccine, we just need everyone to cooperate so we can move past this. The vaccine is not 100% effective but it does help prevent a severe illness or hospitalization. He likened it to a seatbelt, where it might not be 100% effective but it does help avoid severe accidents.

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

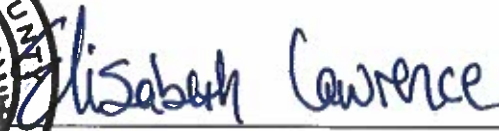
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:



Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair