

TO: Summit County Board of Health
Bentley Henderson
Jeff Huntley

FROM: Sara R Lopez & Millicent Marter

RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of October 5, 2021

DATE: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @12:00 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Staff: Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Operations Director; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; Adam Kisiel, Public Affairs Coordinator; April Paige, Executive Administrator Manager; Millicent Marter, Administrative Assistant and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (in person or via Zoom): Jenna deJong and others who did not sign in.

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. Cases are starting to slow down but the main variant is still Delta. Statewide there is a downtrend in cases but the concern is with cold weather causing an increase. Hospitalizations seem to also be heading downward. Still the majority of those hospitalized are unvaccinated. She encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

Summit County is at 86% fully vaccinated. Cases here in Summit County are showing a downward trend since the beginning of September.

ii. Testing Trends

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

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

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland gave an update on vaccine boosters and noted that there is a Pfizer booster available only to individuals with compromised immune systems. The vaccine clinics are held at the schools and the vaccination schedule can be found at:

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

All pharmacies, except for Walgreens, are also providing vaccines. Commissioners and staff discussed the latest study released by the CDC regarding the efficacy of the vaccines. Public Health will continue to partner with CDPHE on vaccine clinics at the ski resorts, like Arapahoe Basin, and will reach out to other resorts that have expressed interest in having the vaccine bus come to their locations.

Ms. Wineland reminded everyone to get their flu vaccine, which is widely available.

iv. Transmission Trends

CTT Trends

- There has been a delay due to backlog in the reporting from the state through CEDRS and anyone with a positive result should feel free to reach out to Public Health (PH).
- Large majority of exposure type has been due to household contact
- Seeing more resistance to interviews and in disclosing close contacts
- Need to reinforce that sick persons, even if vaccinated, should not go to work
- Cases in school-aged and 60+ age groups are on the rise from September

Cases in June = **23** Confirmed

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

Cases in August = **329**

Cases from September = **241**

- 0-11: 34
- 12-19: 16
- <18: 45 (18.7%)
- 20's: 45 (18.7%)
- 30's: 53 (22.0%)
- 40's: 30
- 50's: 27
- 60's+: 36 (14.9%)

Cases from October 10/01 – 10/04 = **24**

- 0-11: 4 (16.7%)
- 12-19: 1
- <18: 5 (20.8%)
- 20's: 7 (29.2%)
- 30's: 3
- 40's: 4 (16.7%)
- 50's: 0
- 60's+: 5 (20.8%)

Commissioners asked which number should the county reach before making changes to policies like mask-wearing. Ms. Wineland said they want to get below 170 cases per 100,000 people,

before making changes. Ms. Wineland noted how effective wearing a well-fitting facemask can be.

Public Health Order Update

The current order has been extended through October 31, 2021.

Communications Update and Discussion

The communications department continues to share information on booster doses and vaccination clinics. They continue to counter misinformation online by providing reliable sources of information in English and Spanish.

Emergency Management Update

Brian Bovaird gave an update on the number of calls to the info hotline and the reasons for the calls.

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

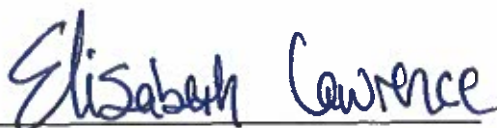


Respectfully submitted:



Millicent Marter, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair