

Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Conducted Remotely through Zoom

Monday January 4, 2021 - DRAFT

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
Attendance	<p>Board Members Present: Chris Cherniak - Chair, Doug Evans, Marc Watterson, Ilyssa Golding, Chris Ure, Dorothy Adams - <i>Absent</i></p> <p>Staff Present: Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Dr. Phil Bondurant, Nate Brooks, Lisa Yoder, Louise Saw, Emily Quinton, Brian Craven, Derek Moss, Nann Worel, Jennifer Morrill, Katy Staley</p>	
Welcome and approval of minutes	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Ilyssa Golding was thanked for being the Chair for the past year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Evans made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 7, 2020 Board of Health Meeting as written. Board Member Ure seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. • Board Member Golding asked if follow-up had been done concerning the anchor location. Dr. Bullough believes that issue has been resolved. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The minutes for the December 7, 2020 Board of Health meetings were approved as written.</i>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Public Comment was made. 	
Thanks from Lisa Yoder and Welcome Emily Quinton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Yoder thanked the Board of Health for their service and support of sustainability efforts. • Emily Quinton was introduced as the new Sustainability Director and introductions of Board Members were made. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Emily Quinton was introduced as the new Sustainability Director.</i>
Face Covering Business Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nate Brooks shared an update about business compliance with the face covering mandate. The Health Department started out by regulating businesses, their employees, and their customers. Now only the businesses are being regulated through education and some enforcement. Restaurants and food service have stepped up and communicate well with the Health Department. Six feet of spacing between dining tables is still required. Some restaurants have outdoor tent seating available and have been permitted to expand their seating capacity. The primary purpose of the tent seating is to offer more space to serve additional customers. Ventilation requirements must be met and most tent seating has downtime between customers to air out the space. Sanitation is being checked. This is a positive step for the community and restaurants are going above and beyond requirements. The Environmental Health staff is doing an excellent job. Patrons are watching closely. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nate Brooks shared an update about business compliance with the face covering mandate.</i> • <i>Business compliance is mostly regulated through education and some enforcement.</i> • <i>Businesses are stepping up and coming up with creative ways to offer services, including outdoor tent seating.</i>
Small Business Testing Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bondurant stated that there is a need to keep people working. As we move into the next phase of response for COVID-19, an antigen rapid testing program has been set up to take advantage of the possible shortened quarantine timing. Access has been set up for Summit County businesses by appointment with the People’s Health Clinic. There is a phone number for the hotline for coronavirus business testing on the County’s web page. Appointments started today and should be available through the end of March. This testing should have a positive impact to keep people safe and get them back to work sooner. Spanish speakers are available on the hotline. The Park City Information Officer is getting the word out. • Board Member Golding stated that testing should be done through a PCR test, but a rapid antigen test is better than nothing. Dr. Bondurant stated that the rapid antigen Veritor test that is being used has a capture rate of about 84 percent and has been vetted and approved by Dr. Angela Dunn. Gaining access to the test was the most difficult task. The Health Department has the backing of the County Manager and the County Council to be able to have programs like this available. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bondurant shared an overview of the new rapid antigen testing program for businesses in Summit County.</i> • <i>Access to the rapid antigen testing is by appointment only through The People’s Health Clinic.</i>

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COVID-19 Data Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared a COVID-19 summary. There has been a surge in cases following Christmas, which was anticipated. December 30th had the highest incidence with 22 percent positivity. Every surrounding county and the state overall are having an enormous surge in cases. Summit County was aggressive in March with closures because our county was driving the surge in cases. Now there is a different scenario, with Summit County being part of the mix of the surge. Aggressive closures would be counterintuitive because family gatherings and informal gatherings are driving the cases. The County and the Health Department are doing their best to keep businesses open. • Hospitalizations are up. There are still five deaths in the County due to COVID-19. The fourteen-day total of new cases is 502. A downturn in cases is predicted about two weeks after the surge. • Louise Saw shared that census data is not accurate for Summit County and shows disproportionate rates based on race. School associated case rates have increased over the winter break when kids have not been in school. There were lower testing numbers on Christmas Day. Vaccination data should be included on the dashboard soon. The Utah coronavirus site is showing vaccination data, but the numbers are not accurate. Case dates are being used for the County's dashboard. There are different places the case numbers come from and the numbers get posted at different times, which can cause confusion. Dr. Bullough stated that input has been requested from the Board of Health and a data workgroup. From a public health response view the single day counts are not as important as the overall trends. • Board Member Golding asked if a spike in cases was expected after New Year's. Different messaging may be needed because people do not seem to be getting it. Dr. Bullough answered that one of the greatest challenges is public health's inability to change individual behavior. We all have moments of learning, but it comes down to personal behavior. Messaging is a real challenge and has been an ineffective uphill battle. Videos with personal experiences have been shared. Similar videos for vaccinations are expected. It is expected there will be a surge in cases about seven days after New Year's, and it is hoped that the numbers will come down after that. • Chair Cherniak stated that until a person experiences COVID-19 for themselves or through someone close to them then behavior will not change. There were another 44 cases today and hospitalizations are up to 122. This is critical information that is needed to help explain the need to get vaccinated. • Louise Saw shared the hospitalization rates based on age. Park City School District has its own dashboard. Data for schools is shown on the State's dashboard. Dr. Bullough stated that Summit County is above the standards for ICU and hospital capacity, but still delivering quality care. Because of a lack of travel, hand sanitizing, and mask wearing, the incidence rate of the flu is very low. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Data for COVID-19 was shared and discussed.</i> • <i>The number of cases in the County, surrounding counties and the State have increased after Christmas. Another surge is expected about 7 days after New Year's.</i> • <i>Personal behavior is the key to lower case numbers. Messaging is being focused more on sharing personal experiences.</i> • <i>Hospitalizations and ICU numbers are above the standards, but quality care is still being delivered.</i> • <i>Flu incidence is very low due to lack of travel, hand sanitizing, and mask wearing.</i>
Vaccination Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared that vaccination plans are evolving and are in fully ramped up execution mode now. Personnel are in place and administration of the vaccine began two weeks ago. A clinic was held at the Health Department. The Utah Film Studio has been secured as a place 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vaccination plans were shared and discussed. Administration of the vaccine began two weeks</i>

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	<p>for distribution of the vaccine, by invitation only. The first clinics at that location begin tomorrow, with another on Friday. The number of appointments may increase or decrease based on the number of vaccines received. Only 700 total vaccines have been received by the Summit County Health Department. 100 doses have been administered, with an estimated additional 300 to be administered this week. The plan is to maintain a small number of vaccines. More should be received January 17th to 24th.</p> <p>The Health Department is working with private partners to deliver vaccines to long-term care facilities this week.</p> <p>Future plans are to have a mass vaccination drive-through site set up at Richardson’s Flat, anticipated to happen in March, April, and May. A tent city will allow for large capacity. Pop up clinics will be used based on any gaps in service.</p> <p>Derek Moss shared there are 225 appointments for vaccinations this week. Small clinics have been held to test software and procedures. Staff and volunteers are being trained to prepare for mass vaccinations. Summit County is using the Moderna vaccine, with two doses administered 28 days apart.</p> <p>Dr. Bullough stated that there are some individuals within the priority groups that are not getting vaccinated. If an individual chooses to not get vaccinated and vaccinations have moved to the next priority group, then that individual will have to wait to be vaccinated with the general population if they change their mind.</p> <p>Derek Moss shared that this wave of vaccines is mostly non-hospital healthcare workers, followed by teachers and first responders. Nursing homes are under government contract. Administration of the vaccine is dependent on the flow of vaccine into the county. Dr. Bullough stated that the priority group information on the Health Department’s website is out of date because vaccines have not been received. Board Member Evans stated that people do not realize how difficult distribution will be.</p> <p>Dr. Bullough stated it is expected there will be a chronic shortfall of vaccines in Summit County. The Health Officers have agreed that surplus vaccines can be transferred between Health Districts, driven by demand. The County Health Department may distribute vaccines to priority groups to administer themselves where clinical capacity is available. The Health Department stores all the vaccines for the County and will supply them to third-party administrators as they are used. Any individual has the right to deny receiving the vaccine.</p> <p>Event organizers should share the message that people need to get vaccinated in order to hold future events such as the County Fair.</p>	<p><i>ago.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Only 700 vaccines have been received so far, with more anticipated January 17th to 24th.</i> • <i>There are 225 appointments made for vaccinations this week. Staff and volunteers are being trained to prepare for mass vaccinations.</i> • <i>The population needs to be vaccinated in order to hold future events.</i>
<p>UALBOH Update and other Board Discussion Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Watterson shared that the Legislative session begins January 19th. There will be a lot of discussion on the roles of local government and local Health Departments. Messages will be sent to the Board as information becomes available and participation is needed. The session will go for 45 days. • Chair Cherniak stated the County’s mask mandate expires January 8th. Dr. Bullough stated that the County is currently operating under the State’s mask mandate, so the County does not need to reissue the order. We are a long way from being able to not wear masks. Everyone should continue to wash hands, social distance, and wear face coverings. Dr. Bondurant stated that the Governor’s mask mandate does allow for exercising without a mask if social distancing guidelines are followed. Dr. Bullough believes that the State mask rule will continue but will have some changes. Currently, businesses are responsible for compliance to the mask rule. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Legislative session begins January 19th and will go for 45 days.</i> • <i>The County mask mandate will expire, but the County is currently operating under the State mask mandate. Everyone should continue to wash hands, social distance, and wear face coverings.</i> • <i>Board of Health meetings will include agenda items other than</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member Ure stated that COVID-19 is important, but the Board should be discussing other concerns as well. Reports on other issues like mental health and environmental concerns should be shared. Chair Cherniak suggested that the agenda should include other items, but the meetings will go longer. Dr. Bullough stated there are exciting updates in Behavioral Health. The Board of Health meetings are held to discuss the Board's interests. 	<p><i>COVID-19 and may go longer. Items of interest to the Board should be discussed.</i></p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. Board Member Ure made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Watterson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. 	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The next regular meeting will be scheduled as a Zoom conference on Monday, February 1, 2021.</i>