

Summit County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

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Monday, July 6, 2020 - DRAFT

Topic	Discussion	Action or Summary
Attendance	<p>Board Members Present: Ilyssa Golding - Chair, Doug Evans, Marc Watterson, Chris Cherniak, Chris Ure, Kim Carson, Dorothy Adams– <i>Absent</i></p> <p>Staff Present: Dr. Richard Bullough – Director, Dr. Phil Bondurant, Nate Brooks, Derek Siddoway, Carolyn Rose, Brian Craven, Katy Staley</p>	
Welcome and approval of minutes	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Board Member Evans made a motion to open the meeting. Board Member Cherniak seconded the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Cherniak made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 1, 2020 Board of Health Meeting as written. Board Member Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. • The minutes for June 22, 2020 and June 24, 2020 will be sent to Jami Brackin for review, with suggested Board changes made. Those minutes will be approved at the next regular Board meeting. 	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The minutes for the June 1, 2020 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.</i>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment was made. 	
Summit COVID-19 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared a COVID-19 summary. There has been a significant uptick in the number of COVID-19 cases today. The first death due to COVID-19 in Summit County was reported this last week. The turning point was following the change to yellow phase guidelines. There are currently 90 active cases in Summit County based on confirmed tests. A mandatory mask order was put in place based on increasing positivity. Evidence and data are clear that masks protect workers and extend the period of time that a business can operate. Salt Lake County and Summit County were granted a mask ordinance by the State. There have been many appeals to the mask ordinance that will be scheduled. Board Member Watterson clarified that businesses must abide by the mask rule unless ruled otherwise through an appeal. • Board Member Cherniak stated that there were 15 new cases today, which is the highest one-day total since April 9th. Dr. Bullough confirmed that cases are surging in Summit County. People need to be smart by wearing masks, social distancing, being clean and avoiding large groups. • To date, Summit County has had 534 positive cases, 47 hospitalizations, and one death. Gratitude is owed to the community and to medical providers for their work to keep the numbers down. It is not a coincidence that incidence increase began when the County moved to the yellow phase. There is a balancing point between the economy and health and safety that needs to be found. <p>Statewide the three-day average is 18 new cases per 100,000 population. Summit County’s three-day average is similar at 17 cases per 100,000 population. There are new cases on a daily basis. The majority of cases are in people ages 15 to 44. This age group has better outcomes from the disease, but they continue to carry the disease.</p> <p>The County is seeing good compliance with the mask order. Travel-related cases are increasing. The goal of the stay-at-home order was to not have people bringing the disease into the community. Testing volume has increased, but not enough to explain the increased number of cases. Randomized antibody testing preliminary data suggests that four percent of Summit County residents have antibodies. This suggests that herd immunity is a long way out. The second and third stages of the antibody study will have larger sample sizes. PCR (polymerase chain reaction) testing will be included as a randomized sample. Antibody testing has a</p>	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There has been a significant increase in positive COVID-19 cases since the change to yellow phase.</i> • <i>A mandatory mask order has been put in place in Summit County.</i> • <i>Data was shared and discussed.</i> • <i>Randomized antibody testing is being conducted and analyzed. Herd immunity is a long way off.</i> • <i>Summit County is experiencing a second wave of COVID-19 and the community needs to be wary.</i>

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	<p>relatively high error rate. The results of antibody testing are interesting, but not good for a response to COVID-19. It is unsure if having antibodies protects people from getting the virus. Antibody testing will help scientists define case mortality rate moving forward. Dr. Bullough stated that the Summit County standard is 75 tests per day per 100,000 population to confirm positive cases. The target is to keep the percentage of positive cases below three percent. The State's percentage is now over nine percent. Summit County is still below five percent, but the upward trend is concerning. The standards for getting a test have been eased, so it is easier to get tested for COVID-19.</p> <p>The situation is nowhere near the dire situation from April. The County can balance management of COVID-19 against the economy. This is why masks are so important.</p> <p>The State is not in a second wave of COVID-19, but a continuance and increase of the first wave. Summit County shows evidence of a second wave and residents need to be wary. The incidence rate will probably increase and be similar to the State. Data does not reflect the need for more stringent social distancing measures yet. The Governor is clearly in the reopening phase. There will be a big challenge with schools restarting and the upcoming winter season. Data supports the use of masks, which is our best option for managing COVID-19 and not returning to the orange phase.</p> <p>Summit County has managed COVID-19 well. The County and the related network are not at risk of exceeding capacity for hospitalizations at this time. The State target is below 300 cases per day.</p> <p>Board Member Cherniak has been tracking the ethnicities affected by COVID-19. Latinos are the most impacted with 42 percent of the cases in the State. Dr. Bullough stated the County shows the same. There are multiple cases that those infected are released from the hospital but are still contagious and return home where there are several people living in the home. Those infected are still going to work. The Governor has formed a task force to address this concern.</p> <p>Any public questions about any of the information shared can be emailed to rbullough@summitcounty.org.</p> <p>Board Member Ure stated that he had a conversation with a diner owner in Kamas that said the County is trying to put him out of business. Summer is the busiest time of year in Eastern Summit County. Customers do not want to wear masks and will not patronize businesses if they have to wear masks. The County needs to include the business community in Eastern Summit County in their decisions. The County caters to Park City businesses and summer is their slow time.</p> <p>Dr. Bullough agreed that there has been public discussion about preserving the ski season. It is good advice to include Eastern Summit County in the decisions. Customers without masks coming into any business puts employees at risk. There will be a Council of Governments meeting to discuss the mask ordinance and communication with the Mayors and apologize for not engaging them in the decision for the last order as should have been done. The majority of positive cases are on the west side of the County, but normalizes when adjusted for population, with the latest data showing 43 percent of cases on the east side in the nearest time interval.</p> <p>The greatest concern is travel-related cases. Masks need to be worn. The triggers for change include the positivity rate, increasing incidence day over day, hospitalizations, and travel-related cases. The Health Department is also looking at sustaining testing volume and the graph that relates total cases to recovered cases to active cases. The combination of the trends of those indicators going in the wrong direction prompted the</p>	

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	County's request for the variance for the mask order.	
Board of Health Discussion Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bullough shared that there are appeals being made for the mask ordinance. Those appeals need to be expedited and should be heard by the Board within the next ten days. 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There are appeals to the mask ordinance that need to be heard within the next ten days.</i>
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. • <i>Board Members Cherniak and Carson made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.</i> 	<p><i>Summary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The next regular meeting will be scheduled as a Zoom conference on Monday, August 3, 2020.</i>