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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH - EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH

Notice is hereby given that Eastern Idaho Public Health's Board of Health will hold a special meeting via video conference on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at its Bonneville County office, 1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. The meeting room will accommodate seating for approximately 25 people. Social distancing will be required and masks must be worn. Any person who does not wish to social distance or wear a mask will not be allowed to enter and is invited to observe the meeting through live streaming. No outdoor viewing option will be available. No public comments will be accepted during the meeting.

AGENDA
Tuesday, July 21, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/172496282
Dial In: (720) 928 9299
Meeting ID: 172 496 282

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.....Chairman Reed
2. Approval of July 16, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes (Action)Chairman Reed
3. Hospital Reports
a. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
b. Idaho Falls Community Hospital
c. Madison Memorial Hospital
d. Teton Valley Health
e. Steele Memorial Medical Center
4. Update on COVID-19 Testing Capacity.....Lori Leask, Express Lab
5. Review EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan Metrics/Data.....
..... Geri Rackow & James Corbett
6. Discussion and Vote regarding potential actions to protect life, health, and safety within the District as to the COVID-19 pandemic, to include consideration of orders that include, but are not limited to, mandating face coverings and limiting social events and gatherings in Bonneville County (Action)Chairman Reed

- Draft Order for Bonneville County

ORDER OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE OF IDAHO

ORDER OF RESTRICTION

Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Bonneville County

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH HEREBY FINDS AND
DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

1. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease (“COVID-19”) is easily transmitted from person-to-person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
2. The CDC reports that recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are “asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are “pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.
3. In addition to basic public health mitigation strategies of staying home when you are sick and washing your hands or using hand sanitizer to reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people physical distance (maintain a space of 6 feet from others) from non-household members as well as wear masks or cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.
4. Furthermore, COVID-19 is easily transmitted in group settings and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety.
5. The rate of COVID-19 infections reported to Eastern Idaho Public Health for Bonneville County, Idaho, has exceeded the established threshold of 10/10,000 for three consecutive days in accordance with EIPH’s COVID-19 Regional Response Plan, which outlines restrictions for slowing the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Social gatherings and events, both public and private, of more than 150 are hereby prohibited.

2. Every person is required to wear a face covering that completely covers the person's nose and mouth when the person is in a public place and other non-household members are present and physical distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained.

A. "Face Covering" means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face in compliance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance on wearing Face Coverings. A Face Covering may be factory-made or may be handmade and improvised from ordinary household materials.

B. "Public Place" shall mean any place, indoor or outdoor, that is open to all members of the public without specific invitation, including but not necessarily limited to retail business establishments, government offices, medical, educational, arts and recreational institutions, outdoor public areas, including but not limited to public parks, trails, streets, sidewalks, lines for entry, exit, or service, when a distance of at least 6 feet cannot be maintained from any non-household member.

C. Facial coverings are not required to be worn under the following circumstances:

- a. Children under the age of 2.
- b. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevent them from wearing a face covering. A person is not required to provide documentation demonstrating that the person cannot tolerate wearing a face covering.
- c. Persons who are hearing impaired or are communicating with a person who is hearing impaired where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- d. Persons, including on-duty law-enforcement officers, for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- e. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose, face, or head for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.

f. Persons who are eating or drinking at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, so long as they are seated at a table and able to maintain a distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or party as the person. This exemption does NOT apply to entry, exit, or other movement through the facility.

This Order shall become effective immediately, and will continue to be in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the authorized representative of the Board of Health, Geri Rackow, District Director.

3. Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order could constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. Idaho Code § 39-419.

4. To decrease the spread of COVID-19, the cities of Bonneville County may enact more stringent public health orders than those set out in this Order.

5. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

6. Bonneville County and each city within must promptly provide copies of the Order as follows: (1) by posting the Order on its website, (2) by posting the Order at the county courthouse and each city hall, and (3) by providing a copy to any member of the public requesting it. The Order will also be posted on the website of Eastern Idaho Public Health.

DATED this 21st day of July, 2020.

Geri L. Rackow, District Director

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2020
5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

Bryon Reed, Commissioner, Chairman (Zoom)
Bill Leake, Teton County, Trustee (Zoom)
Lee Miller, Commissioner (Zoom)
Ken Miner, Commissioner (Zoom)
Shayne Young, Commissioner (Zoom)
Barbara Nelson, MD (Zoom)
Greg Shenton, Commissioner (Zoom)
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner (Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS

Geri Rackow
James Corbett
Angy Harwood (Zoom)
Kellye Johnson (Zoom)
Steve Thomas (Zoom)
Amy Gamett (Zoom)
Cheryl O'Connell (Zoom)
Mimi Taylor

GUEST

Michael Kane (Zoom)

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Approval of July 14, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the July 14, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Miner

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Discuss/approve COVID-19 Educational Campaign

Mimi Taylor provided the Board with information regarding a public education campaign for COVID-19 and EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response plan. The campaign will include digital marketing videos, banners, posters, signage, press releases and possibly billboards, radio and television ads. We will also partner with other agencies to roll out the campaign. Educational information will be provided on basic mitigation strategies, behavioral health and suicide, and address misinformation. Ms. Taylor estimates the initial cost at \$10,000. Discussion followed and Ms. Taylor answer questions of the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Young made a motion to approve up to \$10,000 for EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response Plan public education campaign.

SECOND: Bill Leake

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Review Data for EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan Metrics

- Ms. Rackow reviewed the final format of the Regional Response Plan, which is posted on EIPH's website and distributed to Board members and elected officials. She also reviewed information regarding the cumulative and current hospital rates. This information is available on the EIPH website dashboard.
- Mr. Corbett reviewed the Regional Response Plan metrics, which are located on a new tab on EIPH's Data Dashboard. The numbers are reviewed daily. Most counties have seen an increase in cases recently. Teton County is currently at the plan's Moderate Risk level with 12.9 cases per 10,000 today; however, the County has exceeded the 10/10,000 rate since July 14, 2020 when the Regional Response Plan was adopted.

5. Discussion and Vote regarding potential actions to protect life, health, and safety within the District as to the COVID-19 pandemic, to include consideration of orders that include, but are not limited to, mandating face coverings and limiting social events and gatherings in Teton County

- With Teton County being at the moderate risk level according to the metrics outlined in the Regional Response Plan, the Board had discussion on its responsibility to take measures to protect the public.
- Mr. Kane, EIPH legal counsel, reviewed the powers and duties of the Board as well as confirmed the authority of the Board to issue an order for wearing face coverings.
- The guidelines for masks included in the Order are in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations.
- Mr. Kane noted that based on past challenges of mask orders in other jurisdictions, the Order does not violate constitutional rights.
- Bill Leake met with Teton County mayors, Commissioners, and the County Emergency Manager and reported that they are generally supportive of the mandatory mask order. Victor and Driggs have already issued orders for wearing masks within their jurisdictions. Ms. Rackow reported having discussed EIPH's draft order with the Mayors as their orders differ slightly.
- The draft order was reviewed.

MOTION: Bill Leake made a motion to approve the Order of Restriction for Teton County as presented.

SECOND: Commissioner Miller

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This order will be in effect until rescinded by the Board of Health.

6. Future Meeting Schedule

- The Board agreed to meet every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. At least one member of the Board must be physically present in the building. The public will be able attend by Zoom and a public space will be available for those who come in person to listen to the meeting. The Board is not required to take public comment.
- Ms. Rackow has invited local physicians and hospital representatives to brief the Board weekly on issues related to COVID as well as overall hospital capacity.
- Metrics, as outlined in the Regional Response Plan, will be reviewed.

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

Geri L. Rackow, Secretary