

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 Thursday, August 13, 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 15 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 verbal public comments will be accepted during the meeting.

**AGENDA
Thursday, August 13, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

Join Via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/93324299711>
Dial In: (720) 928 9299
Webinar ID: 933 2429 9711

1. Call to Order and Roll CallChairman Reed
2. Approval of Minutes (**Action**).....Chairman Reed
 - A. August 6, 2020
 - B. August 10, 2020
3. Review of Public Comment.....Chairman Reed
4. Dialogue with Medical Professionals re: Threat of COVID and
Community Response EffortsChairman Reed
5. Reports from Hospitals re: ICU and Overall CapacityChairman Reed
 - A. Idaho Falls Community Hospital
 - B. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
 - C. Madison Memorial Hospital
6. Review/Revise EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan (**Action**)Chairman Reed
7. 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, Clark, Custer,
Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton (**Action**)Chairman Reed

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2020
7:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS</u>	<u>STAFF MEMBERS</u>
Bryon Reed, Commissioner, Chairman (Zoom)	Geri Rackow
Bill Leake, Teton County, Trustee (Zoom)	James Corbett
Lee Miller, Commissioner (Zoom)	Steve Thomas
Ken Miner, Commissioner (Zoom)	Kellye Johnson (Zoom)
Shayne Young, Commissioner (Zoom)	Cheryl O'Connell
Barbara Nelson, MD, Vice Chair (Zoom)	Amy Gamett (Zoom)
Greg Shenton, Commissioner (Zoom)	Angy Harwood (Zoom)
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner (Zoom)	
Wayne Butts, Commissioner (Zoom)	

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 7:03 a.m. Roll call conducted.

2. Approval of July 30, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the July 30, 2020 BOH meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Amended Agenda

Ms. Rackow requested an amendment to the agenda to include Dr. David Peterman and Dr. Matt Larsen in the presentation and discussion related to schools and children.

MOTION: Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to amend the agenda to include Dr. David Peterman and Dr. Matt Larsen as presenters.

SECOND: Commissioner Young

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Review Public Comments

- Commissioner Reed reviewed and responded to the public comments received prior to noon on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Topics included masks, both for and against, school openings, school athletics, mental health, make-up of the Board of Health, and case counts.
- Commissioner Mendenhall recognizes the Board will receive criticism but expressed concern regarding public comments that personally attack members of the Board. These types of comments are unacceptable and will be given no validity.

5. Discussion Regarding COVID Related to Schools and Children

a. Idaho State Board of Education's (ISBE) Role/Guidance

Debbie Critchfield, ISBE Chair, provided information on reopening framework designed to support local school districts/board make educational decisions. It is a tool that could be applied uniformly without mandates and help support local school boards.

b. Local Public Health's Role in School Planning

- Ms. Rackow and Mr. Corbett reported they have been working closely throughout the pandemic. Of late, they have been reviewing and providing feedback on schools' reopening plans.
- Eastern Idaho Public Health's (EIPH) Regional Response Plan is a four-phased plan, but does align with the Back to School Framework's three-phased plan. EIPH's Moderate and High Risk Levels correlate to the ISBE's Category 2.

- Local School Boards are the ones responsible for the decision on when/how their schools will reopen and function during the pandemic.

c. The Medical Perspective

- Dr. Christine Hahn, State of Idaho Epidemiologist and Dr. David Peterman, Primary Health in Boise, provided information regarding COVID-19 and how it affects children.
- Both doctors agree that masks should be worn by children in school but acknowledge there will be some exceptions.
- Dr. Hahn and Dr. Peterman answered questions and provided information on the use of hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19; both agreed it is not a proven treatment for the virus.

d. The Mental Health Perspective

- Dr. Matt Larsen, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, provided the Board with information regarding the mental issues affecting children and adolescents. From a mental health perspective Dr. Larsen has seen an increase in domestic and child abuse and negligence do to a decrease in in-home care. Symptoms of depression and anxiety include isolation, hopelessness, avoidance, and isolation. A balance is needed to let people get together as much as possible while decreasing transmission of COVID-19.

e. Comments from School Superintendents/Board Members

- Dr. Hahn, Dr. Peterman, and Dr. Nelson provided information and answered questions for school superintendents and the Board members.
- Commissioner Reed encouraged Board of Health members to reach out to the superintendents in their counties if they are interested in specific plans for reopening schools.

6. COVID-19 Update and Review of Data

Mr. Corbett provided information on active case rates. Fremont County is in its second day of being above 10/10,000 active cases. Teton County has been below the 10/10,000 active cases for 17 days. There are currently 25 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 in our Health District.

7. Review/Revise EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan

Ms. Rackow reviewed proposed revisions to the current plan and the Board discussed the proposed changes.

MOTION: Mr. Leake made a motion to accept proposed revisions to the EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan, as shown, with the amendment of adding to the plan, "the Board also will consider input from the counties and cities when going to a lower level."

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

There was discussion regarding the motion. Based on input from the Board, Mr. Corbett recommended changing the square foot requirement per person for gatherings and events from 113 square feet to 28 square feet.

AMENDED MOTION: Mr. Leake made a motion to accept the proposed revisions to the EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan with the change of square feet from 113 to 28 square feet and with the amendment of adding to the plan, "The Board also will consider comments from local elected officials."

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED WITH ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Reed	Yes	Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Miner	No	Commissioner Young	Yes
Commissioner Mendenhall	Yes	Commissioner Shenton	Yes
Bill Leake	Yes	Dr. Nelson	Yes

8. 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 and Bonneville Counties

Ms. Rackow proposed changes to the Bonneville County Order to include the exception of masks for persons actively engaged in competition, training, or practice than involves strenuous physical activity.

MOTION: Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to accept the proposed revisions to the Bonneville County Order and to use it as a template for any future orders.

SECOND: Commissioner Shenton

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Teton County has been below the threshold of 10/10,000 active rate for 17 days. Mr. Leake reports elected officials are in favor of leaving the Teton County Order in place. They currently have 30 outstanding tests.

MOTION: Mr. Leake made a motion to keep the Teton County Order in place with the addition of adding the exception for masks and changes to square footing for mass gatherings.

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

ACTION: MOTION FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Reed	No	Commissioner Miller	No
Commissioner Miner	No	Commissioner Young	No
Commissioner Mendenhall	No	Commissioner Shenton	No
Bill Leake	Yes	Dr. Nelson	Yes

MOTION: Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to rescind the Order for Teton County effective August 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

SECOND: Commissioner Miner

ACTION: MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Chairman Reed	Yes	Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Miner	Yes	Commissioner Young	Yes
Commissioner Mendenhall	Yes	Commissioner Shenton	Yes
Bill Leake	No	Dr. Nelson	No

Ms. Rackow requested the Board to consider a time certain order for Fremont County as their numbers have been above the 10/10,000 active rate for the past two days.

MOTION: Commission Miller made a motion to initiate the Order of Restriction as presented for Fremont County if they meet or exceed 10/10,000 rate for active cases today, August 6, 2020. The order would go into effect August 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Reed adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 7:00 a.m

Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

Gerri L. Rackow, Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2020
6:30 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)
Wayne Butts, Commissioner (Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS

Gerri Rackow
James Corbett
Amy Gamett (Zoom)
Kellye Johnson (Zoom)
Cheryl O'Connell (Zoom)

GUEST

Michael Kane (Zoom)

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 6: 02 p.m.

2. Amend Agenda

MOTION: Chairman Reed made a motion to amend the agenda to allow discussion and review of public comments.

SECOND: Commissioner Young

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Review of Public Comments

Chairman Reed reviewed and responded to the public comments received and the Board had discussion. Topics included people not in favor of mandates, hospitalizations, opening of schools, school sporting events, school board decisions, and masks. Commissioners reported on feedback from their counties.

4. 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, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton Counties

- Mr. Corbett reported on ICU capacity and active case rates.
- Ms. Rackow reported on the current contract tracing efforts.
- For the past four days, Teton, Jefferson, and Fremont Counties have exceeded the 10/10,000 rate of active cases. Bonneville County has exceeded the 20/10,000 rate for the past two days.
- Ms. Rackow reviewed the draft orders for Teton, Fremont, and Jefferson Counties. The draft orders include changes made to gathering sizes as discussed by the Board at its last meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the Orders of Restriction for Teton, Jefferson, and Fremont County, as presented, effective immediately.

SECOND: Commissioner Shenton

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Rackow reviewed the process to revert to a lower risk level.

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

Gerri L. Rackow, Secretary

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

ORDER OF RESTRICTION – AUGUST 13, 2020

Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Lemhi County

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

The rate of COVID-19 infections reported to Eastern Idaho Public Health for Lemhi 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, are restricted to a maximum occupancy in the venue that provides for approximately 28 square feet per person (area of a 3 foot radius) based on the area patrons and gathering/event staff, participants, and/or performers will be situated for the gathering/event. It is required that physical distancing of at least 6 feet be maintained between non-household members while seated/positioned at the gathering/event. Gathering/event organizers must ensure physical distancing be maintained at ticket booths, entrances, exits, restrooms, concessions, or any other locations within the venue.
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.
 - g. Persons actively engaged in competition, training, or practice that involves strenuous physical activity when wearing a face covering is not feasible. Physical distancing from other persons should be maintained as much as possible.
3. 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 L. Rackow, District Director.
 4. 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)
 5. To decrease the spread of COVID-19, the cities within Lemhi County may enact more stringent public health orders than those set out in this Order.
 6. 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.

7. Lemhi 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 13th day of August, 2020.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director
Eastern Idaho Public Health

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