

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 conference on Thursday, January 14, 2020, at 7:00 a.m. at its Bonneville County office, 1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. The meeting room will accommodate seating for approximately 6 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, January 14, 2021
7:00 a.m.**

**View Live on EIPH’s YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaiWpioiGwhF95yxXgM01VA>**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.....Chairman Reed
2. Recognition of Outgoing Board MembersChairman Reed
3. Introduction of new Board MembersChairman Reed
4. Approval of December 17, 2020 Board of Health Minutes (Action).....Chairman Reed
5. Reports from Regional Healthcare PartnersChairman Reed
 - A. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
 - B. Idaho Falls Community Hospital
 - C. Madison Memorial Hospital
6. COVID-19 Update Geri Rackow & James Corbett
7. COVID-19 Vaccine UpdateAmy Gamett & James Corbett
8. Consideration of Rescinding Public Health Orders of Restriction in Custer, Fremont, and Lemhi Counties (Action).....Chairman Reed
9. Idaho Association of District Boards of Health – Executive Committee Report Bill Leake
10. 2021 Board of Health Meeting Schedule Geri Rackow

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2020
7:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

Bryon Reed, Commissioner, Chairman
Bill Leake, Teton County, Trustee
Lee Miller, Commissioner
Ken Miner, Commissioner
Shayne Young, Commissioner
Barbara Nelson, MD, Vice Chair
Greg Shenton, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Wayne Butts, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS

Geri Rackow
James Corbett
Angy Harwood
Cheryl O'Connell
Amy Gamett
Kellye Johnson

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 7:00 a.m. This meeting is being held virtually and it is being streamed live through EIPH's YouTube channel. EIPH staff is present at the Idaho Falls office where there is also a space for the public to view in person.

2. Approval of December 10, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting.

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Comment

Commissioner Reed reviewed and discussed public comments received up through 5:00 p.m. December 16, 2020. Many people had questions and comments regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

4. Reports from Hospitals and Emergency Medical Services

a. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC)

David Hoffenberg, Chief Operating Officer, reports they currently have 40 COVID patients, 13 of the occupied 25 ICU beds are COVID patients, 16 of the total ICU patients are on ventilators. Tuesday evening and yesterday they administered the COVID vaccine to staff. They will provide 2,500 vaccines to over the next few weeks. They report no adverse reaction to the vaccine. The staff was very grateful to be able to receive the vaccine and feel like they are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. EIRMC continues to hire new staff but are still concerned about the nursing staff.

b. Idaho Falls Community Hospital (IFCH)

Casey Jackman, Chief Operating Officer, reports that for the first time in two weeks they have more non COVID patients than COVID patients. They currently have a total of 19 COVID patients, 8 in the ICU, all on ventilators. With the purchase of 4 new ventilators, they now have 14. They currently have patients from Bonneville, Bingham, Jefferson, and one from Oregon. They also started administering vaccines this week. They report one minor reaction of a fever. Physicians and employees were excited to get the vaccine. They do still have staffing shortages but were able to acquire a couple of travelers and hire some nurses in the past couple of weeks. With COVID cases trending downward and staffing going up, they are breathing easier for now.

c. Madison Memorial Hospital

Dr. Rachel Gonzales, Chief Executive Officer, reports they are currently at their typical census for this time of year and have no COVID inpatients. The last two COVID patients were transferred to Idaho Falls and Utah for a different type of care. They continue the monoclonal antibody infusion and physicians feel it is helping. They have completed their COVID vaccinations for the staff and physicians.

- IFCH and EIRMC agree they did see a spike in case about 5-6 days after Thanksgiving and expect to see another spike after Christmas.
- The hospitals report they have a good supply of the monoclonal antibody, they have not given as much as anticipated due to the inclusion criteria. It is a small group of people who qualify.

5. COVID -19 Vaccine Update

- Amy Gamett provided information and updates on the COVID vaccine. This week EIPH received 975 doses of the Pfizer vaccine for distribution to the hospitals in our District. On Monday, the first vaccines in the state were given at Madison Memorial Hospital. Additional shipments will be received next week, vaccine is being distributed to priority groups determined by Idaho's COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC).
- Additional vaccine is expected next week for Long Term Care Facilities. EIPH may assist with giving vaccine at facilities who have not signed up with the Federal Pharmacy Partnership program.
- Moderna's vaccine is being reviewed by the Vaccines & Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) today. Once approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the vaccine will start shipping to states.
- Both vaccines require a second dose—Pfizer at 21 days; Moderna at 28 days. The vaccines are not interchangeable.

6. COVID-19 Update

- James Corbett reports a decrease in cases and is hopeful it continues. He reminds people to be vigilant through the holidays to avoid a spike in case.
- Mr. Corbet reviewed the cases for the counties.
- Death demographics by county were reviewed. The death rate is .8%, the flu death rate is .1%.
- Ms. Rackow update the Board on the drive-through testing for COVID. EIPH has partnered with U.S. Department of Health and Human Service to make this service available. The free testing will continue through the end of December.
- Express Labs closed their Rexburg testing site on 12/16/2020 and will not reopen until 1/4/2021 and the Idaho Falls location will be closed several days over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
- Ms. Rackow reviewed the Isolation Period Guidance located on the EIPH website.

It was noted that in 2021, both Fremont and Lemhi Counties will appoint new Board of Health members.

Commissioner Reed expressed thanks from the Board of Health to Ms. Rackow and the staff at EIPH. The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2021 at 7: 00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

Geri L. Rackow, Secretary

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR CUSTER COUNTY – JANUARY 14, 2021

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

Whereas the rate of active cases of COVID-19 in Custer County has fallen below the threshold of 15/10,000 for the most recent fourteen consecutive days, the conditions requiring the Order of Restriction for Custer County, which consisted of limiting social gatherings and events and requiring face coverings in public places, no longer apply within the county at this time, as determined by the Board. This action is in conformance with EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response Plan to address the COVID-19 pandemic, last revised and adopted on November 5, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on November 19, 2020, pertaining to Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Custer County, Idaho, is hereby rescinded.

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.

To decrease the spread of COVID-19, the cities within Custer County may enact more stringent public health orders than those set out in this Order. This order has no effect on any existing order of any city within the county. This order has no effect on any existing order of the Governor of the State of Idaho.

It is the recommendation of Eastern Idaho Public Health that in order to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19, individuals should stay home when they are sick, wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from others outside of one's household, and wear masks or cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

Custer 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 14th day of January, 2021.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR FREMONT COUNTY – JANUARY 14, 2021

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

Whereas the rate of active cases of COVID-19 in Fremont County has fallen below the threshold of 15/10,000 for the most recent fourteen consecutive days, the conditions requiring the Order of Restriction for Fremont County, which consisted of limiting social gatherings and events and requiring face coverings in public places, no longer apply within the county at this time, as determined by the Board. This action is in conformance with EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response Plan to address the COVID-19 pandemic, last revised and adopted on November 5, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on September 14, 2020, pertaining to Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Fremont County, Idaho, is hereby rescinded.

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.

To decrease the spread of COVID-19, the cities within Fremont County may enact more stringent public health orders than those set out in this Order. This order has no effect on any existing order of any city within the county. This order has no effect on any existing order of the Governor of the State of Idaho.

It is the recommendation of Eastern Idaho Public Health that in order to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19, individuals should stay home when they are sick, wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from others outside of one's household, and wear masks or cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

Fremont 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 14th day of January, 2021.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director

**ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE SALUD DEL DISTRITO
SALUD PÚBLICA ORIENTAL DE IDAHO, ESTADO DE IDAHO**

RESTRICCIONES DE ELEVACIÓN PARA EL CONDADO DE FREMONT - 27 DE ENERO DE 2021

LA JUNTA DE DISTRITO DE SALUD PÚBLICA DEL ESTE DE IDAHO (EIPH) POR LA PRESENTE ENCUENTRA Y DECLARA LO SIGUIENTE:

Mientras que la tasa de casos activos de COVID-19 en el condado de Fremont ha caído por debajo del umbral de 10 / 10,000 durante los catorce días consecutivos más recientes, las condiciones que requieren la Orden de restricción para el condado de Fremont, que consistía en limitar las reuniones y eventos sociales y que requieren cubrirse la cara en lugares públicos, ya no se aplican dentro del condado en este momento, según lo determine la Junta. Esta acción está en conformidad con el Plan de Respuesta Regional COVID-19 de EIPH para abordar la pandemia COVID-19, revisado por última vez y adoptado el 5 de noviembre de 2020.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA POR LA PRESENTE:

La Orden de restricción, emitida el 10 de agosto de 2020, relativa a empleadores, empresas e individuos en el condado de Fremont, Idaho, queda rescindida por la presente.

Esta Orden entrará en vigencia inmediatamente y continuará en vigencia hasta que sea rescindida, reemplazada o enmendada por escrito por el representante autorizado de la Junta de Salud, Geri L. Rackow, Director de Distrito.

Para disminuir la propagación de COVID-19, las ciudades dentro del condado de Fremont pueden promulgar órdenes de salud pública más estrictas que las establecidas en esta Orden. Esta orden no tiene ningún efecto sobre ninguna orden existente de ninguna ciudad dentro del condado. Esta orden no tiene efecto sobre ninguna orden existente del gobernador del estado de Idaho.

Es la recomendación de la Agencia de Salud Público del Este de Idaho que para continuar desacelerando la propagación de COVID-19, las personas deben quedarse en casa cuando están enfermas, lavarse las manos o usar desinfectante de manos con frecuencia, mantener una distancia física de 6 pies de los demás. fuera del hogar, y use máscaras o cubiertas de tela para la cara en lugares públicos cuando esté cerca de personas fuera de su hogar, especialmente cuando el distanciamiento físico es difícil de mantener.

El condado de Fremont y cada ciudad dentro deben proporcionar rápidamente copias de la Orden de la siguiente manera: (1) publicando la Orden en su sitio web, (2) publicando la Orden en el juzgado del condado y en cada ayuntamiento, y (3) proporcionando un copiar a cualquier miembro del público que lo solicite. La Orden también se publicará en el sitio web de Eastern Idaho Public Health.

FECHADO el 14 de enero de 2021.

Gerri L. Rackow, Directora de Distrito

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR LEMHI COUNTY – JANUARY 14, 2021

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

Whereas the rate of active cases of COVID-19 in Lemhi County has fallen below the threshold of 15/10,000 for fourteen consecutive days, the conditions requiring the Order of Restriction for Lemhi County, which consisted of limiting social gatherings and events and requiring face coverings in public places, no longer apply within the county at this time, as determined by the Board. This action is in conformance with EIPH's COVID-19 Regional Response Plan to address the COVID-19 pandemic, last revised and adopted on November 5, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on October 1, 2020, pertaining to Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Lemhi County, Idaho, is hereby rescinded.

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.

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. This order has no effect on any existing order of any city within the county. This order has no effect on any existing order of the Governor of the State of Idaho.

It is the recommendation of Eastern Idaho Public Health that in order to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19, individuals should stay home when they are sick, wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from others outside of one's household, and wear masks or cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

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 14TH day of January, 2021.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director



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BOARD OF HEALTH 2021 Meeting Schedule

Notice is hereby given that Eastern Idaho Public Health's Board of Health will meet on the following dates. At this time, due to COVID-19, all meetings of the Board will be held via teleconference and offered for live viewing at EIPH's [YouTube](#) page.

Limited in-person attendance is available at EIPH's main office located at 1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. The meeting room will accommodate seating for approximately 6 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.

Start time: 7:00 a.m.

January 14, 2021

February 4, 2021

March 4, 2021

April 1, 2021

April 29, 2021 (Budget Presentation)

June 3, 2021