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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 Thursday, August 27, 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 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. Written public comment can be submitted to EIPHBoard@eiph.idaho.gov before noon on Wednesday, 8/26/20, for consideration at the meeting.

AGENDA
Thursday, August 27, 2020
7:00 a.m.

Join Via Zoom
https://zoom.us/j/92180564015
Dial In: (720) 928 9299
Webinar ID: 921 8056 4015

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.....Chairman Reed
2. Approval of August 20, 2020 Board of Health Minutes (Action)Chairman Reed
3. Review of Public CommentChairman Reed
4. Reports from Hospitals re: ICU and Overall Capacity.....Chairman Reed
A. Idaho Falls Community Hospital
B. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
C. Madison Memorial Hospital
5. COVID-19 Update and Review of Data..... Geri Rackow & James Corbett
6. Consideration of Rescinding Orders of Restriction in Clark, Fremont, and Lemhi Counties (Action).....Chairman Reed
7. Update on EIPH COVID-19 Educational Campaign Mimi Taylor

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2020
7:00 a.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, Vice Chair (Zoom)
Greg Shenton, Commissioner (Zoom)
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner (Zoom)
Wayne Butts, Commissioner (Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS

Gerri Rackow
James Corbett
Angy Harwood (Zoom)
Cheryl O'Connell
Amy Gamett (Zoom)

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 6:59 a.m.

2. Approval of August 13, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the August 13, 2020 BOH meeting minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Miller

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Report from Idaho Association of District Boards of Health's Executive Council Call

Mr. Leake provide an update on the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health Executive Council Meeting. Topics included discussion concerning upcoming Legislation, mask mandates, and public health plans to slow the spread of COVID-19. Mr. Leake expressed concern that some districts are not taking the situation as seriously. Mr. Leake thanked the EIPH staff and the medical experts for their efforts to educate the Board on the virus, hospital needs, and more that has been very helpful.

4. Review of Public Comment

Chairman Reed reviewed and responded to the public comments received. Topics included Lemhi County concerns regarding the increase of positive cases, school district plans for reopening, masks, safety of students and teachers, case counts, and changes to the EIPH COVID-19 Response Plan. Discussion followed.

5. Reports from Hospitals re: ICU and Overall Capacity

a. Idaho Falls Community Hospital (IFCH)

Casey Jackman, Chief Operating Officer, reports they are 27% below their resource usage than last week at this time-- resource usage includes staffing, ventilators, and beds. They currently have 7 COVID patients on the floor and no ICU COVID patients. In-house COVID testing is conducted for admissions and exposed staff; however, acquiring testing materials remains difficult. All staff exposures have occurred in the community and not in the workplace.

b. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC)

Dr. Ballard, Chief Medical Officer, and David Hoffenberg, Chief Operating Officer, reports EIRMC currently has 20 COVID patients; some are from outside the district. Supplies and staffing are adequate at the present time. Testing is done for inpatients and Behavioral Health Unit patients; tests for ER patients are sent to outside labs. Dr. Ballard reports they are seeing a trend of younger COVID patients with severe symptoms.

c. Madison Memorial Hospital

Dr. Rachael Gonzales reports that Madison Memorial currently has 2 COVID patients and resources are adequate. Madison County testing numbers are increasing with a 2-day turnaround time; the positivity rate is 15-18%. She is anticipating that going into fall and the respiratory season there will be an increased demand for testing.

Ms. Rackow and Mr. Corbett provided an update on local testing capabilities, rapid testing, and clarified types of testing.

6. COVID-19 Update and review of Data

- Ms. Rackow and Mr. Corbett review and data and active case rates. This information is located on the EIPH website. Mr. Corbett provided information on confirmed and probable case definitions, subsequent testing, reinfection, the process for reporting positive patients, investigations, and contact tracing processes. Ms. Rackow provided information on hospital capacity and the Response Plan metrics.
- Frequently asked questions will be added to the website. PIO, Mimi Taylor, has been tracking this information.

7. Discussion and Possible Revision to EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response

Ms. Rackow reviewed changes to the EIPH Response Plan on August 13, 2020 and proposed adding:

- Metric 1 – Active Rates: An individual county that reached the >50/10,000 threshold will be reviewed by the EIPH Board of Health for potential movement to the High Risk Level.

MOTION: Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the High Risk Level of the EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan as presented.

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Changes to the COVID-19 Regional Response Plan will be posted on the website and shared on Facebook.

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7:00 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 FREMONT COUNTY – AUGUST 27, 2020

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 10/10,000 for the most recent seven 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, adopted on July 14, 2020 and amended on August 20, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on August 10, 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 27th day of August, 2020.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR LEMHI COUNTY – AUGUST 31, 2020

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 seven 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, adopted on July 14, 2020 and amended on August 20, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on August 10, 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 31st day of August, 2020.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR CLARK COUNTY – AUGUST 31, 2020

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 Clark County has reduced significantly for the most recent seven consecutive days, the conditions requiring the Order of Restriction for Clark 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, adopted on July 14, 2020 and amended on August 20, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on August 16, 2020, pertaining to Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Clark 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 Clark 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.

Clark 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 31st day of August, 2020.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director