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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, September 10, 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 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 9/09/20, for consideration at the meeting.

AGENDA
Thursday, September 10, 2020
7:00 a.m.

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.....Chairman Reed
2. Approval of September 3, 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. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
B. Idaho Falls Community Hospital
C. Madison Memorial Hospital
5. COVID-19 Update and Review of Data..... Geri Rackow & James Corbett
6. Consideration of Rescinding Orders of Restriction in Jefferson and Teton Counties (Action)
.....Chairman Reed

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 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)
Kellye Johnson (Zoom)

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 7:01 a.m.

2. Approval of August 27, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Bill Leake made a motion to approve the August 27, 2020, Board of Health meeting minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Mendenhall

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Review of Public Comment

Chairman Reed reviewed and responded to the public comments and questions received. Topics included school activities and dances. Discussion followed.

4. Reports from Hospitals re: ICU and Overall Capacity

a. Idaho Falls Community Hospital (IFCH)

Casey Jackman, Chief Operating Officer (COO), reports their ICU is half full with one COVID patient. They also have three patients on ventilators but none of those are COVID. They have had a 58% increase in overall patients over last week but most are non-COVID patients.

b. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC)

- David Hoffenberg, COO, reports that hospital-wide they are seeing less patients, with ICU occupancy just over 50%. EIRMC currently has 13 COVID inpatients. They are going to universal shielding as a precautionary measure to protect staff during the upcoming respiratory season.
- Dr. Krell reports they have been seeing a little relief but are busy in the ICU. The COVID ICU area is full. He contributes the decrease in COVID-19 patients to the measures being taken by the Board of Health.
- Dr. Krell reports the death of a patient in their 30's yesterday.

c. Madison Memorial Hospital

Dr. Rachael Gonzales reports Madison Hospital is at 50% capacity in the ICU and currently there are no COVID patients. They are busy with ER patients and testing.

5. COVID-19 Update and review of Data

- Dr. Krell explained updated provisional data on COVID-19 deaths released by the CDC last week. The data is showing that 94% of deaths associated with COVID-19 had co-morbidities, or other underlying health conditions, and that 6% of the deaths had only COVID-19 listed as the cause of death. Dr. Krell clarified information regarding COVID-19 deaths and stated that patients with co-morbidities would not have died if they had not contracted COVID-19. COVID-19 has 10 times the death rate than the seasonal flu and as a country we may be under reporting the deaths. One-third of Idaho citizens has underlying health conditions that make them vulnerable to more severe disease and even death related to COVID-19. As schools open and as we move into flu season, we need to maintain vigilance and stay on course with the mitigation measures that public health is recommending.
- Ms. Rackow provided information on the activity in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and long term care facilities. The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services has established policies for testing of staff of these facilities during the pandemic based on positivity rates of the county. The federal government has provided Point of Care testing machines to seven facilities in our district; however, an ongoing adequate supply of testing kits/supplies may be an issue. Each Friday, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare releases a report of residential care facilities within the state that have experienced a positive case of COVID-19 in staff and/or residents.
- Schools are back in session and there have been some positive cases in staff and students throughout the health district. Mr. Corbett and Ms. Rackow are meeting with school superintendents each week to provide information and guidance.
- Mr. Corbett reviewed the data dashboard and metrics for each County. The number of COVID-19 deaths has increased in our health district, with 11 being experienced in the past two weeks.
- The COVID-19 testing positivity rate is slightly higher than last week. In the coming weeks, EIPH may be able to receive county-level positivity data from the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

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 Custer County

Ms. Rackow reported that Custer County has exceeded the Active Rate of COVID-19 cases of 15/15,000 population for six straight days and recommended that an Order of Restriction be issued for the County effectively immediately. Ms. Rackow reviewed the draft Order with the Board.

MOTION: Bill Leake made a motion to approve the Order of Restriction for Custer County, as presented, effective immediately.

SECOND: Commissioner Shenton

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED; Commissioner Butts abstained from voting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:01 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

Gerri L. Rackow, Secretary

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR TETON COUNTY – SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Teton 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 Teton 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 Teton 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 Teton 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.

Teton 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 10th day of September, 2020.

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 TETON - 10 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2020

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 Teton ha caído por debajo del umbral de 10 / 10,000 durante los siete días consecutivos más recientes, las condiciones que requieren la Orden de restricción para el condado de Teton, 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, adoptado el 14 de julio de 2020 y enmendado el 20 de agosto 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 Teton, 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 Teton 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 Publico 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 Teton 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 10 de septiembre de 2020.

Gerri L. Rackow, Directora de Distrito

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY – SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Jefferson 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 Jefferson 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 Jefferson County, Idaho, is hereby rescinded.

This Order shall become effective **September 12, 2020**, 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 Jefferson 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.

Jefferson 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 11th day of September, 2020.

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 JEFFERSON - 12 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2020

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

Mientras que la tasa de casos activos de COVID-19 en el condado de Jefferson ha caído por debajo del umbral de 10 / 10,000 durante los siete días consecutivos más recientes, las condiciones que requieren la Orden de restricción para el condado de Jefferson, 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, adoptado el 14 de julio de 2020 y enmendado el 20 de agosto 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 Jefferson, Idaho, queda rescindida por la presente.

Esta Orden entrará en vigencia **12 de septiembre de 2020** 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 Jefferson 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 Publico 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 Jefferson 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 11 de septiembre de 2020.

Gerri L. Rackow, Directora de Distrito