

**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 24, 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](mailto:EIPHBoard@eiph.idaho.gov) before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 for consideration at the meeting.

**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2020**  
**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. Approval of September 14, 2020 Board of Health Minutes (Action).....Chairman Reed
3. Review of Public Comment .....Chairman Reed
4. Reports from Hospitals .....Chairman Reed
  - A. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
  - B. Idaho Falls Community Hospital
  - C. Madison Memorial Hospital
5. COVID-19 Update, Myth Busting, and Review of Data..... Geri Rackow & James Corbett
6. Consideration of Rescinding Orders of Restriction in Custer County (Action) .....Chairman Reed
7. Next Meeting .....Chairman Reed

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 14, 2020**  
**7:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**1. Call Board Meeting to Order**

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 6:59 a.m. Commissioner Butts is absent from today's meeting and has given proxy to Commissioner Shenton.

**2. Approval of September 10, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the September 10, 2020, Board of Health meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Young

**ACTION:** MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Review of Public Comment**

Chairman Reed reviewed and responded to the public comments and questions received. Topics included concerns regarding the opening of BYU-I and also concerns about the increase in cases in Fremont and Madison Counties.

**4. COVID-19 Update and review of Data**

Mr. Corbett reviewed the data dashboard and EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan metrics and the active cases for each County. There has been an increase in cases since the Labor Day holiday and the opening of schools. Mr. Corbett reports that while there are cases in the schools, they appear to be transmitted by family events and not within the schools.

**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 Fremont, Madison and Teton**

Ms. Rackow reports Fremont County has been above the threshold of 10/10,000 for Active Cases for four and Madison has exceeded the same threshold for five consecutive days, which would move both counties into the Moderate Risk level. She recommended that an Order of Restriction be issued for both Fremont and Madison Counties effective immediately. Ms. Rackow reviewed the draft Orders with the Board.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miller made a motion to move Fremont and Madison Counties to the Moderate Risk Level and approve the Orders of Restriction as presented, effective immediately.

**SECOND:** Dr. Barbara Nelson

**ACTION:** MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Report on COVID-19 Clinical Trials**

Dr. Buitrago, Infectious Disease Specialist and Researcher, provided information and answered questions regarding five COVID-19 Clinical Trials taking place locally. She reiterated the importance of continuing the mitigation strategies until a vaccine becomes available.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:43 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

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Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

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Geri L. Rackow, Secretary

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

**ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR CUSTER COUNTY – SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Custer County has fallen below the threshold of 15/10,000 for the most recent seven 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, adopted on July 14, 2020 and amended on August 20, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

**The Order of Restriction, issued on September 3, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

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Gerri L. Rackow, District Director