

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 3, 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, 9/02/20, for consideration at the meeting.

AGENDA
Thursday, September 3, 2020
7:00 a.m.

Join Via Zoom
[https://zoom.us/j/ 98187846377](https://zoom.us/j/98187846377)
Dial In: (720) 928 9299
Webinar ID: 981 8784 6377

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.....Chairman Reed
2. Approval of August 27, 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. 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 (**Action**)Chairman Reed

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 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)
Mimi Taylor

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 7:02 a.m.

2. Approval of August 20, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the August 20, 2020, Board of Health meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Barbara Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Review of Public Comment

Chairman Reed reviewed and responded to the public comments and questions received. Topics included Lemhi County concerns regarding the County Fair, questions regarding the Legislative Session, and the Idaho Falls School District 91 Reopening Plan. Discussion followed.

4. Reports from Hospitals re: ICU and Overall Capacity

a. Idaho Falls Community Hospital (IFCH)

Casey Jackman, Chief Operating Officer (COO), reports a down tick in hospital admissions and COVID-19 patients. Through the ER, they are doing 10-14 tests per day and the positivity rate is low. IFCH currently has 3 COVID-19 patients, most patients are from the counties they serve in the district and two from outside the district. Resources and hospital capacity is good.

b. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC)

David Hoffenberg, COO, reports a slight down tick in COVID-19 hospitalizations; they are busy with burn and trauma patients. EIRMC currently has 18 COVID-19 positive patients, the majority are Bonneville County residents. Resources are stable.

c. Madison Memorial Hospital

Dr. Rachael Gonzales reports they have been averaging 1-3 COVID-19 patients, currently they have none. A significant amount of outpatient testing is occurring but the percent of positive has not changed.

All three of the hospital representatives agree that misdiagnosing patients for financial gain is not happening in our area.

5. COVID-19 Update and review of Data

- Ms. Rackow reviewed the data dashboard as it relates to our metrics. The information is continually modified to make it as user friendly for people accessing the information. With more probable cases being identified as a result of Antigen testing, this information has been added to the overview. Also incorporated in the data is the current average test turnaround time, which is currently 2.8 days. Ms. Rackow reports an overall decrease in cases and individuals seeking testing over the last couple of weeks.
- Mr. Corbett reviewed the current metrics and cases for each County. Cases and the testing positivity is down. It appears that mitigation strategies are working.
- EIPH will continue to monitor the metrics daily and continue to recommend mitigation strategies.

6. Consideration of Rescinding Orders of Restriction in Clark, Fremont, and Lemhi Counties

- Review and discussion of the County cases.
- The Fremont County order has been in place for 17 days. They have been below the metric of the active rate of 10/10,000 for 10 days.
- The Lemhi County order has been in place for 14 days. They have been below the metric of the active rate of 15/10,000 for 11 days.
- The Clark County order has been in place for 11 days. They dropped to zero cases in the county for five days, but then two new cases were reported. There is not a specific active rate metric set for the County, but EIPH administration/staff feels comfortable lifting the order as long as the county remains under 5 active cases.
- Ms. Rackow reviewed the draft orders for lifting restrictions in Fremont, Lemhi, and Clark Counties.

MOTION: Commissioner Miner made a motion to move Fremont, Lemhi, and Clark Counties back to the Green, Minimal Risk Level, of the COVID-19 Regional Response Plan. Fremont County would be effective immediately; and Lemhi and Clark County effective August 31, 2020.

SECOND: Commissioner Butts

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Barbara Nelson is not in favor of lifting the restrictions and encourages a stronger mask message as schools open up.

7. Update on EIPH COVID-19 Educational Campaign

Mimi Taylor provided updates on the COVID-19 educational campaign. The campaign materials have been shared online, with counties, and partners throughout our health district.

Adjournment

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:04 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 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 OF RESTRICTION – SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Custer 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 Custer County, Idaho, has exceeded the established threshold of 15/10,000 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 Custer 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. 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 3rd day of September, 2020.

Geri L. Rackow, District Director
Eastern Idaho Public Health

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