

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given that Eastern Idaho Public Health’s Board of Health will hold a meeting via conference on Thursday, February 4, 2021, 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
Monday, February 4, 2021
7:00 a.m.**

View Live on EIPH’s YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaiWpioiGwhF95yxXgM01VA>

1. Call to Order and Roll CallChairman Reed
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes **(Action)**Chairman Reed
 - a. January 14, 2021
 - b. January 25, 2021
3. Reports from Regional Healthcare PartnersChairman Reed
 - a. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
 - b. Idaho Falls Community Hospital
 - c. Madison Memorial Hospital
4. COVID-19 Situational Report.....Geri Rackow, James Corbett & Amy Gamett
 - a. COVID-19 Data Review
 - b. Vaccination Rollout Update
 - c. Budget Request for Additional Vaccine Rollout Support **(Action)**
5. Discussion and Vote regarding Rescinding Orders of Restriction in Bonneville, Custer, Jefferson, and Madison Counties **(Action)**.....Chairman Reed
6. Legislative Update Chairman Reed & Bill Leake, Trustee
7. Announcements..... Geri Rackow

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2021
7:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

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

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. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Chairman Reed recognized and thanked Lee Miller for 10 years of service to the Board and Ken Miner for 5 years of service. This will be their last meeting.

3. Introduction of new Board Members

Lemhi County Commissioner Leah Madsen and Fremont County Commissioner Blair Dance have been appointed by their Commissions to serve on the EIPH Board of Health. Their appointments will be ratified at the next meeting.

4. Approval of December 17, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Shenton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Mendenhall

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Reports from Regional Healthcare Partners

a. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC)

David Hoffenberg, Chief Operating Officer, reports they have 24 COVID patients, 8 in the ICU on ventilators. Staffing is better and they continue to recruit for nurses and use travelers. They are seeing less illness from COVID. They have been vaccinating their employees and are now starting to give second doses. The vaccination rate of the employees is 70%. They are still seeing a large number of transfers from area hospitals this past week. They report they are not seeing large influx of RSV or flu patients and contributes this to the COVID mitigation efforts.

b. Idaho Falls Community Hospital (IFCH)

Casey Jackman, Chief Operating Officer, reports a drop in COVID inpatients, with 10 currently, 2 of which are in the ICU on ventilators. They increased travelers and ventilators in anticipation of a spike after the holidays, but it was not as intense as expected. Staffing and supplies are not a concern at this time and they only have one employee out isolating. They will continue to use travelers until the end of February.

c. Madison Memorial Hospital

Dr. Rachel Gonzales, Chief Executive Officer, reports they are averaging 2-4 COVID patients per week. They have seen positive effects with the monoclonal antibody infusions but have noticed a decline in the need for the treatment. They also have been vaccinating their employees and have an 85% vaccination rate. The primary reason for the employees who are not getting vaccinated is for medical reasons. Their staff has been managing the patient load and they have not had to use travelers.

6. COVID -19 Update

- Mr. Corbett reviewed the active case and hospitalization rates for each county. He also explained the probable and confirmed cases, EIPH reports them the same on the dashboard.
- EIPH will continue to provide no-cost testing until the end of February. It was noted that the demand for testing has been low.
- Mr. Corbett feels there are multiple reasons why the rates are going down and not spiking as expected. He feels the community was careful over the holidays because they were aware of how busy the hospitals were and also feels the school breaks were helpful.
- Ms. Rackow reports that while Idaho is seeing a decrease in cases, the nation is experiencing an increase and in the red zone.

7. COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- Ms. Gamett provided an update of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine distribution. She also reviewed the current vaccine prioritization groups as outlined by the Idaho COVID-19 Advisory Committee. Estimated timelines to progress to each of the priority groups is dependent on the availability of vaccine, which at this time is extremely limited.
- Ms. Gamett and Mr. Corbett provided information and answered questions regarding the Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care Facilities. EIPH was able to serve the facilities that had agreements with CVS that were not fulfilled.
- EIPH has been able to keep up with administering the COVID-19 vaccine and is currently running clinics 7 days per week. They have been able to hire some new employees and are utilizing Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit volunteeridaho.com.
- As vaccine availability increases and priority groups open, it is key to have multiple partners vaccinating including hospitals, health clinics, and pharmacies. We are currently coordinating with schools to get staff vaccinated.

8. Consideration of Rescinding Public Health Orders of Restriction in Custer, Fremont, and Lemhi Counties

- Ms. Rackow reports Lemhi, Fremont, and Custer Counties are or near meeting the metric for lifting the Orders of Restrictions.
- Commissioner Butts reports that his Commission is requesting to move to the green.
- Commissioner Madsen reports they are also ready to move to the green.
- Ken Miner thanked the community of Salmon for their efforts to stop the spread and asked that they continue to take precautions and do the right thing.
- Ms. Rackow thanked the Salmon City Council for engaging with EIPH over the past months during the spike of COVID cases in Lemhi County.

MOTION: Commissioner Butts made a motion to move to lift the Order of Restrictions for Lemhi County immediately and if Fremont and Custer remain under 15/10,000 today, the Order of Restrictions for them would be lifted January 15, 2021.

SECOND: Commissioner Madsen

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Idaho Association of District Boards of Health – Executive Committee Report

Bill Leake reported on the Executive Committee meeting held last week. The Health Districts have hired attorney Mike Kane as a lobbyist to monitor the Legislative Session and potential bills related to Public Health. The cost is \$15,000 and will be covered by funds from the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (to which each health district contributes financially). Beginning tomorrow, the Executive Committee will meet every Friday during the Legislative Session.

10. 2021 Board of Health Meeting Schedule

Review of the proposed 2021 Board of Health Meeting Schedule. The Board members agreed to the schedule. We can call Special Meetings as needed.

Chairman Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:40. The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman

Geri L. Rackow, Secretary

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2. Idaho Association of District Boards of Health – Executive Committee Report

Bill Leake provided an update on the Executive Committee Meeting held on January 22, 2021. Mike Kane, a lobbyist representing all the Health Districts, was present at the meeting to discuss legislation regarding Public Health. Mr. Kane will be presenting to the Legislature's House and Senate Health & Welfare Committees tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m. to give them an overview of Public Health in Idaho. Ms. Rackow, Chairman Reed and Mr. Leake will also attend the meeting.

3. COVID-19 Situational Report

a. COVID-19 Data Review

Mr. Corbett and Ms. Rackow reviewed the active cases and hospitalizations on the data dashboard. We currently have 384 active cases, 21 new yesterday, and we have 30 residents currently hospitalized. Cases and hospitalizations have been decreasing in most counties for the past month.

b. Vaccination Rollout

Ms. Gamett provided an update regarding vaccination priority groups and vaccines. Priority Groups 1 and 2.1 are currently being vaccinated. The next priority group, which is individuals aged 65 years and older, will begin in February. In Idaho, there are 290,000 people in this group and 21,000 doses of vaccine allocated to the state each week. The anticipated time to complete vaccinating this group is 10 weeks but will depend on the amount of vaccine received. As of last Friday, the state has administered 82,000 vaccines, 8,203 in our Health District. There are over 40 providers and locations where people will be able to get vaccines when it is available.

4. Discussion and Vote Regarding Idaho Rebounds Stage 2-Athletics Plan for Governor's Orders on Gatherings and Spectators

On Friday the Governor modified his Stage 2 Orders for gatherings and spectators. The new plan allows up to 40% of local school gym's capacity or up to four spectators per student participant, whichever is larger. The EIPH Public Health Order allows capacity of 28 square feet person. The more restrictive order is required to be followed and this has created some confusion for the schools.

MOTION: Mr. Leake made a motion to amend EIPH's existing Public Health Orders of Restriction, to reflect the requirements of the Governor's Order by removing the gathering limitations.

SECOND: Commissioner Young

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED. Dr. Nelson abstained from voting.

Chairman Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m. The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2021 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 BONNEVILLE COUNTY – FEBRUARY 8, 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 Bonneville County has reduced significantly for the most recent fourteen consecutive days, the conditions requiring the Order of Restriction for Bonneville County, which consisted of 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on January 25, 2021, pertaining to Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Bonneville 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 Bonneville 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.

Bonneville 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 8th day of February, 2021.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR CUSTER COUNTY – FEBRUARY 4, 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 reduced significantly for the most recent fourteen consecutive days, the conditions requiring the Order of Restriction for Custer County, which consisted of 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on January 25, 2021, 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 4th day of February, 2021.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director

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

ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY – FEBRUARY 4, 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 Jefferson County has reduced significantly for the most recent fourteen consecutive days, the conditions requiring the Order of Restriction for Jefferson County, which consisted of 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order of Restriction, issued on January 25, 2021, pertaining to Employers, Businesses, and Individuals in Jefferson 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 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 4th day of February, 2021.

Gerri L. Rackow, District Director