Moffat County Board of Public Health
221 W Victory Way Suite 130 Craig, CO 81625

February 24, 2021

In attendance: Donald Broom, Chair; Tony Bohrer, Board Member; Melody Villard, Board Member; Erin Miller; Rebecca Tyree; Dimitar Tzerovski(ZOOM) Kari Ladrow; Shannon Lukens; Josh Carney

Call to Order – 2:30 pm

Commissioner Broom called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item(s) – Topic:

Certification & Attestation Letter to CO Department of Public Health & Environment for Dial Level Green (see attached)

Kari presented a letter to the Board of Public Health for approval, addressed to the CDPHE regarding Moffat County's move from the Blue Level to the Green Level.

Villard moved to approve the letter to the CDPHE regarding Moffat County's move to the Green Level. Bohrer seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Kari commented that Moffat County would be the first in the state to be at this level, if approved. The Commissioners thanked Kari for the positive, hard work that she and her team have done.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm

Submitted by:

Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: Donald Broom

Melody Villard

Approved on: March 2, 2021

Attest by: Erin Miller

COMMISSIONERS SEAL MOFFAT COUNTY, COLORADO

Board of Public Health

February 24, 2021

Review Committee
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as an attestation for COVID response in Moffat County, Colorado and as a formal request to move from "Blue" level on the Dial back into the "Green Level/Protect Our Neighbors". Moffat County acknowledges that we need to sustain a case count of <4 cases for a period of time, to be determined by the CO Department of Public Health & Environment. Per the CO Department of Public Health & Environment dashboard, Moffat County currently has fewer than 8 cases per 100,000 and a 2.2% test positivity rate; plus 20,050 per 100,000 of our residents have been vaccinated, thus far. Moffat County has 2 full time Public Health Nurses in addition to 6 contact tracers hired for contact tracing capacity, one of whom speaks Spanish to support with Latino community contact tracing.

Prior to the COVID pandemic, the Local Public Health Director, Kari Ladrow, initiated the Community Infectious Disease Emergency Response (CIDER) Team to solidify relationships amongst CDPHE and the healthcare partners in the community. This group has continued to work collaboratively throughout the pandemic to keep communications lines open to develop strategy and to work on how to approach the pandemic. She also initiated the Vulnerable Populations Task Force for the specific purpose of protecting the vulnerable populations in our communities. Public Health has continued the strategy of ongoing community based testing of vulnerable populations as well as weekly meetings of the Vulnerable Populations Task Force partners from Horizons (Community Centered Board for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, Sandrock Ridge (LTCF), Casey's Pond (LTCF), the Haven (ALF), Integrated Communities (Service Provider for Non-English Speaking Residents), the Department of Human Services and other partners within the community.

There has been a strategic testing strategy in place since the beginning of the pandemic with community testing; including drive through testing, since March and we continue to work collaboratively as communities in order to support our vulnerable and the community as a whole. As demonstrated by the collective efforts of the entirety of Moffat County towards COVID-19 mitigation, we believe we are ready to transition to "Protect Our Neighbors" because of the diligence of our community members throughout this pandemic.

By signing this letter, Memorial Regional Health attests and certifies they are ready to move back into the "Green/Protect Your Neighbor" phase and that they have completed a review of the criteria set forth by Governor Jared Polis.

The following is a review of the local healthcare facility (Memorial Regional Health) for the metrics outlined in the "Protect Your Neighbor" phase for Moffat County, Colorado COVID response.

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District 3

- ☑ Bed Capacity: Memorial Regional Health attests its facility can manage a 20% surge in hospital admissions and patient transfers.
- ☑ Memorial Regional Health attests its facility has a two weeks supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- ☑ Memorial Regional Health attests its facility has had a
  - ☑ Stable (No greater that a 25% increase in COVID hospitalizations
  - ☑ A declining count of new confirmed hospitalizations in the last 14 days and
- ☑ Fewer new cases
  - ☑ No more than 2 new admissions on a single day in the last 14 days.

By signing this letter, the Moffat County Public Health Agency attests and certifies it has the capacity to:

- ☑ The ability to test 15 people per 100,000 of Moffat County residents per day
- ☑ Contact Trace and Conduct Case Investigations for at least 85% of assigned cases within 24 hours
  - ☑ A documented surge-capacity plan for case investigation and contact tracing (a plan to be able to trace up to 8.7 cases per 100,000 population per day
  - ☑ Documented strategies to offer testing to close contacts

By signing this letter, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management certify they are in support of the Local Public Health Director, Board of Health, Memorial Regional Health and Healthcare Partners to provide ongoing by attesting and certifying:

- ☑ Support for the containment plan outlined in the original certification
- ☑ A commitment to support the LPHA director(s) as the agency works to meet these thresholds
- ☑ A commitment to utilize their office/agency's tools and resources to encourage compliance with the containment plan outlined in this certification as well as public health orders, and take appropriate enforcement actions when needed

The City of Craig attests and certifies by the signature of this letter:

- ☑ Support for the containment plan outlined in the original certification
- ☑ A commitment to support the LPHA director(s) as the agency works to meet these thresholds
- ☑ A commitment to utilize their office/agency's tools and resources to encourage compliance with the containment plan outlined in this certification as well as public health orders, and take appropriate enforcement actions when needed.

It is the belief of the Moffat County team signing that the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic have created significant burden on community members and secondary harm to the residents is occurring through a decreased participation in routine medical care, depression associated with the pandemic,

nutritional deficits caused by economic downturn, childhood adversity and other detrimental impacts on the social determinants of health which outweigh the current risk of COVID-19 within our community.

Donald Broom

Donald Broom, Chairman
Moffat County Board of County Commissioners

KC Hume
Moffat County Sheriff

Kari Ladrow

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Moffat County Public Health Director

Allen S. Reishus MD

Dr. Allen Reishus
Moffat County Public Health Medical Officer

Jarrod Ogden
Mayor, City of Craig

Andy Daniels
CEO, Memorial Regional Health