

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

December 7, 2020 – Special Meeting

**In attendance:** Ray Beck, Chair; Donald Broom, Board Member; Rebecca Tyree; KC Hume; Mike Cochran; Jerry DeLong; Shauana Merrill; Jeff Comstock; Mason Siedschlaw; Peter Brixius; Heather Cannon; Jarod Ogden; (ZOOM) Don Cook, Board Member Kari Ladrow; Jennifer Riley; Allen Reishus; Steven Hilley; Josh Carney; Rebecca Tyree; Olivia Scheele

Call to Order – 2 pm

Commissioner Beck called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Items – Topic:**

1. **Update on Sandrock Ridge Rehabilitation Center outbreak – Kari**
  - The facility has been on Outbreak status for three weeks; there have been 12 deaths with COVID as at least a contributing factor in their deaths. Kari said it's important to recognize how difficult of a time it has been at Sandrock Ridge for the families and staff members. No confirmation on how it is being spread within the facility.
2. **Update on deaths in the community - Kari**
  - In addition to the deaths at Sandrock, 7 additional community deaths. It's important to remember that there are families in the community that will be going into the holidays without their family members.
  - 452 total cases
  - 19 total deaths
  - 69 active cases
  - 364 recoveries

Dr. Reishus commented on the fact that there were three married couples that had passed away due to COVID.
3. **Update on current hospitalizations - Memorial Regional Health - Jennifer**

Discussed the current treatments that are being used at Memorial Regional Health for COVID patients.

  - 5 people admitted to COVID unit. The hospital can handle up to 12 patients in negative pressure rooms/spaces.
  - 21 patients admitted since the pandemic started. Current patients are sicker and requiring more care.
  - Significant oxygen needs
  - More severe symptoms developing in week two
  - Should know the effects on the spread from Thanksgiving by next week
4. **(Proposed) Public Health Order and Enforcement Discussion- Commissioners and Law Enforcement**
  - There was discussion regarding enforcement of contact tracing
  - Updates to the "color" chart by the CDPHE. Because of our 18% positivity rate, Moffat County is scheduled to be moved to the Red level on December 10. If the County was to decline this move, the community would not be eligible for Relief funds for local businesses from SBI. Kari reviewed the changes between Red & Orange. It was suggested to find out what the payoff would be from the Relief funds vs staying in Orange. Commissioner Cook commented that the State Senate was only going to allocate \$37,000,000 across the whole state for the Relief Fund, and that we would probably not be

getting a large amount, if we chose to go the Red level. Kari discussed the differences between Orange, Red & Purple. Dr. Reishus advised going to Red to help make some kind of difference in our positivity rate.

5. **Vaccination Planning**

- Kari spoke about the vaccination distribution in our community. Each of the healthcare agencies (Public Health, Northwest CO Health, & Memorial Regional Health) has ordered their own stock; MCPH should have some in hand by the end of December. Although a larger amount was ordered, not near enough will be received. Distribution to the vulnerable populations, frontline healthcare professionals, law enforcement, etc. will be hard to determine.

There was discussion about the timeline for making the decisions regarding for the Public Health Orders.

Cook spoke about the "5 Star" program that has been proposed by Mesa County.

Meeting adjourned at 2: 42 pm

Submitted by:

Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by:

Ray Beck  
Carol Brown  
Don Cook

Approved on:

December 22, 2020

Attest by:

Erin Miller

