

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 31, 2020
Special Meeting Minutes¹

On December 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. Chairman Dean Winfield, Commissioner Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon were present throughout the meeting with meeting members joining via teleconference. Also in attendance was Northeast Colorado Health Department Director Trish McClain as well as various municipal and hospital officials. The administrators of the four Yuma County school districts were invited as guests.

COVID Task Force – Northeast Colorado Health Department Director Trish McClain provided updates on local statistics and case counts as well as information from State sources and meetings attended since the last Task Force meeting. Among topics discussed were the Governor’s plan to move Counties currently at Level Red back to Level Orange and the impact on counties that are currently in Level Orange. McClain also discussed the impact of the changes on the 5 Star restaurant certification program recently approved by the State. The local hospitals provided updates on testing, vaccination, and hospitalization trends seen since the last meeting. Local healthcare providers discussed challenges and processes associated with administration of the vaccine. The group discussed vaccine distribution plans and strategies as well as realistic expectations for vaccine distributions in the coming months.

Representatives of the school districts provided updates on preparations for students’ return to the classroom following winter break. City of Yuma Manager Scott Moore provided updates on coordination efforts between Yuma EMS and Yuma Community District Hospital to support the patient observation requirements following administration of the COVID vaccine.

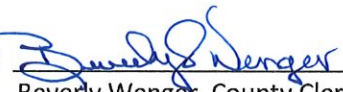
The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of January 4, 2021 based on group availability.



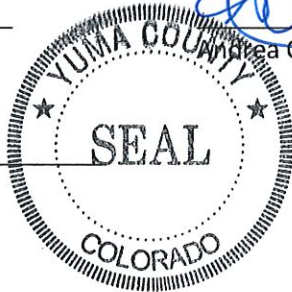
Trent Bushner, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



¹ Minutes prepared by Andrea Calhoon are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.