

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 5, 2021

Special Meeting Minutes¹

On February 5, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. Commissioner Robin Wiley, Commissioner Scott Weaver, 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 reviewed the COVID Dial 2.0 updates including applicable capacity restrictions and the metrics for various color level assignments. Yuma County will move from Level Orange to Level Yellow effective February 6, 2021. McClain reviewed for the group the impacts that move will have on local business operations and school sports and activity requirements. Metrics will need to be held for only one week to move to a less restrictive level going forward and the decision to move will be authorized locally as opposed to requiring application to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Metrics moving to more restrictive levels are expected to trigger an immediate move to a more restrictive color level assignment with less opportunity for negotiation on local mitigation efforts.

Beth Saxton of Yuma District Hospital provided updates on COVID topics and trends seen within Yuma healthcare facilities including testing, positivity, hospitalization, and vaccination statistics and protocols. Saxton provided an overview of immunization efforts and accomplishments. Saxton expects to immunize approximately 150 educators and essential workers at a drive-through clinic this next week following a two-week period of not receiving any vaccine allocations from the State.

Jennifer Kramer of Wray Community District Hospital provided updates on various COVID trends and statistics seen within their facilities including testing, positivity, hospitalizations, and vaccinations. Kramer reported that currently 9 patients are being tracked through their 10-day quarantine period, of which 4 are hospitalizations, and also reported a dramatic drop-off of requested COVID testing. Kramer reported continued success with vaccine administration and efforts to utilize all vaccine doses including nearing completion of vaccination for educators. Kramer reported the administration of over 1000 first doses and that many of those are scheduled to receive or have already received their second doses, including all vaccinated residents and staff in long-term care facilities having received second doses.

The administrators of the school districts provided updates on their efforts including the scheduling of Value Up mental health and resiliency programs for students and community members in the coming weeks as well as updates on case incidences in the schools and efforts applied to sports and activity programs.


The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of February 8, 2021 based on group availability.



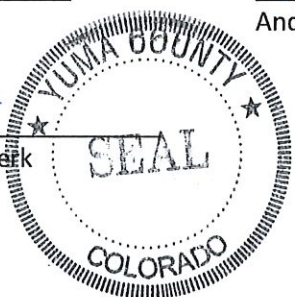
Trent Bushner, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



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


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