

**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**April 8, 2021**

**Special Meeting Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On April 8, 2021 at 2:30 p.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. Chairman Trent Bushner, Commissioner Robin Wiley, and Administrator Andrea Calhoun 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 county-wide statistics including school-age children and staff, county case counts, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and testing rates. ~~McClain presented information on an upcoming Yuma County visit from the Governor's Office vaccine bus. The group~~ discussed location, timing, and marketing for stops for the bus. The bus will offer 250 doses of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The group discussed locations and dates for stops and determined one stop would be at the Yuma County Fairgrounds in Yuma from 10:00-6:00 on Monday, April 12. McClain will coordinate with the Governor's Office to work on scheduling a second stop at the Eckley Community Center on April 19. Wray Community District Hospital reported that they currently have more vaccine doses than vaccine demand so recommended the stops be located in other areas of the county to encourage equitable distribution.

Jennifer Kramer of Wray Community District Hospital provided updates from their facility. Kramer reported that Wray has administered over 1800 first doses and over 1300 second doses of vaccine and that they received their first distribution of single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccines yesterday. Currently Wray has 200 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine available and no waitlist. Kramer reported 4 current active cases and 1 hospitalization. Kramer reported between 300 and 400 doses of vaccine on hand currently with a handful of second doses scheduled for the coming week. The group inquired of Kramer whether any reaction was noted in patients receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and Kramer reported none had been seen so far.

Patsy King of Yuma District Hospital reported the last hospitalization was discharged on March 22. YDH has administered ~~approximately 1100 first doses and over 900 second doses with no new doses received. Yuma reports 125 individuals on~~ the waitlist currently and reported no patients presenting for testing since April 6.


The administrators of the school districts reported no current COVID impact to operations. The two municipalities reported efforts to plan and implement summer recreation programs in light of Yuma County's move to Level Green on April 6.

The group discussed local mask requirements in light of the county's move to Level Green and the school districts requested specific guidance on options and ramifications of alternative protocols in light of the increasing fatigue noted in students. The group discussed options for how to prioritize students in light of the current executive order.

~~The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be April 15, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.~~

  
Trent Bushner, Chairman

  
★ Andrea Calhoun, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



<sup>1</sup> Minutes prepared by Andrea Calhoun are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.

