

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 1, 2021

Special Meeting Minutes¹

On April 1, 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. Commissioner Robin Wiley, Commissioner Scott Weaver, 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 county-wide statistics including school-age children and staff, county case counts, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and testing rates. McClain also reviewed Yuma County's current assignment on the State's COVID Dial 3.0. The group discussed Yuma County's potential to move to Level Green, which may be in the coming week based on current metrics. McClain also reported on state vaccine efforts through the health equity program that will be travelling through the region over the weekend and into next week. McClain will share with the group how registration for the service is being managed when she obtains the information. The group discussed potential locations for the planned stop in Yuma next Monday.~~

~~Jennifer Kramer of Wray Community District Hospital provided updates from their facility. Kramer reported no hospitalizations since March 15 and reported very few patients presenting for testing. Vaccine clinics were reported as staying busy following a relatively large shipment of vaccines for this week. Kramer reported that the full vaccine waiting list has been vaccinated and patients are now able to receive vaccines as needed as long as vaccine shipments continue at their current rate. WCDH will be conducting a vaccine clinic in Idalia and will be advertising the clinic to encourage participation.~~

Patsy King of Yuma District Hospital reported the last hospitalization was discharged on March 22. YDH also reported large shipments of vaccines and low rates of patients presenting for testing. The waitlist for vaccine through YDH was reported to be minimal at this time.

~~Northeast Colorado Health Department reported approximately 25% of Yuma County population having received their first dose of vaccine and approximately 17% of Yuma County population having received both doses.~~

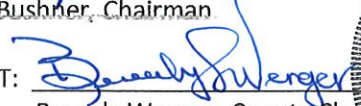
The administrators of the school districts provided updates regarding case trends and mitigation and response efforts being undertaken in their districts. Idalia, Wray, Yuma, and Liberty all reported no current positive cases within their school districts. The schools requested information from McClain regarding the impacts of moving to Level Green on the schools including masking. McClain reported that the current mask mandate will expire on April 4 and that renewal of the mandate is expected for at least another 30 days, but possibly with some alterations to requirements.

The group discussed what information is available on the local control options following the planned expiry of the COVID Dial 3.0 on April 16. McClain reported anticipation that the mask order will remain in place and that a public health order governing various social distancing requirements in specific instances is expected, but that the dial restrictions are expected to become guidance and recommendations as opposed to requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be April 8, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.


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.