

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2021

Special Meeting Minutes¹

On April 15, 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, 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 provided updates on the State COVID requirements and the expiration of the COVID Dial effective tomorrow. McClain shared the information she has received on an expected public health order that is likely to be issued tomorrow regarding indoor gatherings of larger scale. The group discussed the challenges of enforcing restrictions in such limited circumstances. The school district administrators in particular expressed concern over their ability to enforce masking within the school environment when masks are not required in other areas of the community. McClain also provided guidance on the impact of vaccination in the environments that are still required to mask, specifically fully-vaccinated teachers within the school district.

Jennifer Kramer of Wray Community District Hospital provided updates from their facility. Kramer reported the monitoring of three current positive cases and one COVID admission in the last week as well as a very low rate of patients presenting with symptoms or otherwise presenting for testing. Kramer reported that Wray has administered approximately 2000 first doses and 1400 second doses of vaccine. Fifteen doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine were administered prior to its suspension and WCDH continues to monitor those patients but has not noted any adverse reaction to date. The remaining 185 doses received are currently in storage awaiting further guidance.

Beth Saxton of Yuma District Hospital provided updates for their facility including two or three positives in the last week as well as decreased presentation of patients for testing consistent with what is being seen in Wray.

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.

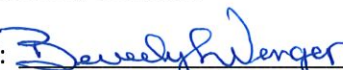
The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be April 22, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

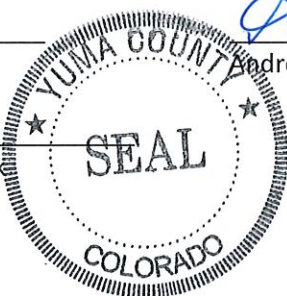


Trent Bushner, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

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Beverly Wenger, County Clerk




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