

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: April 15, 2021
ITEM: Administrator's Report

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 INFORMATION

COVID-19 Update:

- Case numbers decreasing: We are still in Level Yellow on incidence with a current status of 140.9 per 100,000. Our average cases per day in the past week has decreased to 66 per day.
- Case rates decreased for 6 out of 9 age groups, overall low rates for 65+: Most age groups saw a decreasing trend in case rate over the last week. The three groups experiencing a rise were 0-9 year old (18.2% increase with 39 cases in the past week), 10-17 year old (38.8% increase and 68 cases in the past week), and 35-44 year old (29.5% increase and 79 cases in the past week). The 18-22 year old age group decreased by 48.6% over the past week (76 cases in the past week). There were only 13 cases among people 65+ in the past week.
- Steady disparities for Hispanic/Latinx community members last week: In the past 7 days, 17.2% of our cases have been among Hispanic/Latinx community members who represent 14.0% of the population and 74.9% of our cases have been among white, non-Hispanic community members, who represent 77.4% of the population. The number of cases decreased in all groups, and the proportion of cases among the Hispanic/Latinx population in Boulder County increased between last week and this week.
- Over 53% of eligible Boulder residents vaccinated: An average of 3,740 vaccine doses are being administered to Boulder County residents each day. Over 145,000 Boulder County residents, have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose (53.0% of eligible population) and over 81,000 (29.8% of eligible population) have received a full course of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Most older adults are vaccinated: In Boulder County, 91.6% of the population over 70 years old has received at least one COVID vaccine and 86.2% have received a full course. In addition, over three quarters (79.1%) of those 60-69 years old have received at least a partial course along with 62% of 50-59 year olds. Over half (50.6%) of 40-49 year olds have also received at least a partial course, and 30-39 year olds are not far behind at 47.9%.
- Disparities in vaccine administration are persistent among all age groups, especially older adults: The relative risk of not being vaccinated for the combined Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) group is highest among residents aged 70+. Among Boulder County residents aged 70+ years, 69.3% of those who identify as BIPOC have received a partial course of the COVID-19

vaccine compared with 88.9% of white, non-Hispanic residents. In particular, Asian residents have the lowest rates of vaccination among those 70+ (51.6%).

- Testing numbers and positivity: On average, 1,760 PCR tests are conducted per day, a slight decrease from last week. Positivity decreased to 5%.
- Time spent at home continues to decrease in Boulder: Time spent at home in Boulder continues to decrease. It went to 11% from 16% last week. The last time social distancing was this low in Boulder was March 15, 2020.

Summary of the Boulder County Public Health Order

April 16 - May 16 (30 days):

- If current case incidences do not exceed 300 cases per 100,000 residents and positivity rates do not exceed 7.5%, before April 16, Boulder County will move to Level Blue from April 16 to May 16.
- If current metrics continue, Boulder County businesses will also operate at Level Blue capacities.
- Boulder County will not move levels during this 30-day phase.
- If positivity or case counts enter level orange before April 16, Boulder County will continue operating in Level Yellow.
- Local mask order is still in effect.
- Level Clear, Observation Period, May 16 - August 16 (90 days):
- Based on hospital admission rate of County residents, Boulder County will move to Level Clear.
- Hospitalizations must stay at 0-2 hospital admissions per 100,000 residents for seven consecutive days over a 14-day period.
- Level Clear does not have any capacity restrictions or mandatory mitigation requirements for businesses or gatherings.
- If hospital admissions exceed the rate over seven consecutive days over a 14-day period, Boulder County will move to a more protective level and apply level restrictions according to the hospitalization rate.
- Masks may still be required under state or local order, and if the state continues any orders, those state restrictions will apply to Boulder County.

Anyone with questions regarding this order should contact the Boulder County Call Center at 720-776-0822 or view the COVID-19 information on BCPH's website at BoCo.org/COVID-19.

Grant Opportunities

Town staff is wading through numerous America Rescue Plan funding opportunities that are currently presenting themselves. There are at least five separate pots of funding available to communities as they recover from the pandemic. This is quite challenging, and the town is fortunate that we have completed so many planning efforts over the past several years. Staff will present opportunities to the Board of Trustees to determine if they would like us to pursue them in the coming weeks / months. Most of the grants need to be applied for in the next month and completed within fiscal year 2022.

Boulder County Collaborative

Staff participated in the quarterly meeting of the collaborative and reviewed the current status of our CDBG-DR projects. It is exciting to note that Lyons has spent over 86% of the \$12M that has been allocated through this program. We have approximately \$1.7M in projects to complete by the end of September including the Bohn Park (Red Hill Gulch) storm water improvements and the installation of a generator at the public works facility.

CEMEX Meeting

Mayor Angelo and Administrator Simonsen met with representatives from CEMEX recently to talk about the idea of a community committee to educate and communicate concerns and ideas regarding the plant and its operations. The meeting was very productive and resulted in some exciting opportunities that will be discussed at the workshop on April 19th.

Lyons Fire Protection District

Mayor Angelo and Administrator Simonsen met with Chief Peter Zick to introduce ourselves and discuss the priorities of the community regarding safety and fire protection. He agreed that we should have a collaborative relationship with regular communication. We discussed local hazards, previous events, the water system, etc. and agreed to talk regularly. Since that meeting, Chief Zick has indicated that his staff would work with town staff to get the water rescue stations installed this spring/summer.

Moxie Bread

Staff had an introductory meeting with Andy Clark, owner of Moxie Bread, who is moving into the space at 355 Main. He is excited to be a part of Lyons and to bring healthy, wholesome food and space to our community. He will be pursuing outdoor seating as part of his plans.

Employment Opportunities

- Finance Director
- Public Works / Parks Maintenance I
- Public Works / Parks Maintenance Seasonal Workers