

**TO:** **Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees**

**FROM:** **Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator**

**DATE:** **May 13, 2021**

**ITEM:** **Administrator's Report**

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**COVID-19 Update:**

- The County will move into Level Clear by May 17 – we are awaiting a new PH order from the Governor and BCPH will align with the state.
- The new Director of BCPH, Camille Rodriguez, was appointed to replace Jeff Zayach upon his retirement.
- BCPH is offering free or low-cost transportation options for vaccine appointments:
  - BCPH transportation flyer: [https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021.04.05\\_mobilityforall\\_transportdoc.pdf](https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021.04.05_mobilityforall_transportdoc.pdf)
  - o Via remains a transportation options for seniors
- Case numbers decreasing: Our current one-week cumulative incidence rate is 78.9 per 100,000 compared to 111 per 100,000 last week. Our average cases per day in the past week has decreased from 53 per day last week to 37 per day this week.
- Case rates decreased for most age groups, overall low rates for 65+: Most age groups saw a decreasing trend in case rate over the last week. 35-54 year olds saw the greatest decrease in the past week (57.9% decrease for 35-44 year olds with 24 cases and 39.4% decrease for 45-54 year olds with 20 cases). There was a decrease in 18-22 year olds—CU ended last week (37.7% decrease with 43 cases in the past week). There were 10 cases among people 65+ in the past week, which has decreased from 16 in the previous week. There was a small increase in 0-9 year olds (8% increase) and 55-64 year olds (9% increase).
- Increasing disparities for Hispanic/Latinx community members last week: In the past 7 days, 39.5% of our cases have been among Hispanic/Latinx community members who represent 14.0% of the population and 55.7% of our cases have been among white, non-Hispanic community members, who represent 77.4% of the population. This compares to 15% of our cases among Hispanic/Latinx community members and 77% among white non-Hispanics in mid-March. The number of cases decreased among all groups in the past week. We are seeing an increased proportion of cases in Longmont compared to Boulder over the past two weeks.
- 69.2% of eligible Boulder residents vaccinated: Almost 190,000 Boulder County residents have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose (69.2% of eligible population) and over 151,000 (55.1% of eligible population) have received a full course of the COVID-19 vaccine. This has increased from 184,000 (67% of eligible population) last week. An average of 2,513 vaccine doses were administered per day compared to 2,917 doses last week. In particular, there are fewer first doses being administered.
- Most older adults are vaccinated: Over three quarters of the Boulder County population aged 30+ years have received at least a partial course of a COVID-19 vaccine, ranging from 71.2% of 30-39

year olds to 93.9% of 70+ year olds. Almost half (49.3%) of 20-29 year olds have also received at least a partial course.

- 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+.
- Testing numbers and positivity: On average, 1,454 PCR tests are conducted per day, a slight decrease from the 1,577 last week. Positivity decreased to 3.2% from 4.3% last week.
- Hospitalizations and Deaths: Hospitalizations continue to rise in the county and state. They went from 29 last week to 33 this week in the county and from 631 to 653 in the state. Hospitalizations are greatest for 35-54 year olds in Boulder County. We have had 5 deaths in April in Boulder County.

### **Senator Michael Bennet Visit**

On Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Senator Bennet and his staff visited Lyons to promote a bill that he is co-authoring called The Shelter Act. The bill would provide for a tax credit to certain homeowners and small businesses that invest in mitigation activities that prevent damage due to natural disasters. The senator was also interested in Lyons flood recovery efforts and how we were going to be utilizing American Recovery Plan Act funding for infrastructure. We are anticipating a similar visit by Congressman Joe Neguse on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details to follow.

### **Loukonen Parcel Access**

Staff met with Mike and Dean Loukonen to share the maps of the proposed access easement from Summit Housing to the parcel adjacent to it, owned by the Loukonen Family. The Loukonen's expressed an interest in subdividing the property (if the county would permit it) and pursuing affordable housing on the site. Town staff will contact the county about the options for this land.

### **Apple Valley Water Treatment Plant Property**

Staff have reached out to six licensed realtors in town inquiring about their experience with listing municipal property. Two expressed an interest in submitting a proposal; however, none of them did so by the deadline. Staff will follow up with those who have experience to submit a proposal. If nothing is received by the end of the month, staff will look beyond Lyons for a qualified firm to do so.

### **401 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Yoder Property) Update**

Staff held a zoom meeting with the property owner to express the direction from the Board at their April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Yoder has submitted a request to be put on the BOT agenda to ask for an extension to the flood plain development permit and building permit due to not being notified directly regarding the status and due to the pandemic in 2020. Her request was not received by the agenda-setting deadline and will be scheduled for the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Planet Bluegrass Volume Concerns**

Staff have received a few calls regarding concerns with the volume of the minor concert events at the Planet over the past few weeks. Staff at the Planet have been very responsive and are monitoring and adjusting their sound system based on feedback received. It appears that, most

recently, the volume in the main part of town has decreased, but residents on Upper 5<sup>th</sup> and Indian Lookout Road are now being more impacted. The Planet staff encourage residents to give them feedback and input so the system can be further fine tuned to be acceptable to all parts of town.

#### **Finance Director Update**

Town staff are scheduled to host initial interviews with four candidates on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

