

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: December 23, 2021
ITEM: Administrator's Report

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COVID Update:

- CDC estimates 73% of new US cases are Omicron, suggesting we are likely to see significant surge over next couple weeks. Everyone is advised to utilize multiple mitigation strategies including masking, distancing, and testing prior to gatherings.
- Cases remain steady, and Boulder County remains in high transmission. Highest case numbers occurred in 23-34 year olds (171 this week, 127 last week).
- Hospital bed availability remains low, with Boulder County seeing a lower number of COVID and more urgent care and expiring contracts and loss of external staff from agencies.
- Omicron Variant: Monitoring continues. We are seeing a spike in cases in mountain resort communities. We are monitoring the situation, as in the past, spikes in those communities have been a bell weather for spike on the front range.
- **Transmission Level:** The Boulder County one-week cumulative incidence rate according to the CDC tracker is 185.16 cases/100,000 persons in the last 7 days, **lower** than last week's 195.28 cases/100,000 persons, which is *High Transmission Red* (see: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>). Additionally, all counties surrounding Boulder County remain in High Transmission/Red.
- **Testing positivity:** On average, 2,048 PCR tests were conducted per day in the past week, **lower** than the average 2,067 PCR tests per day during the week prior. There was a **decrease** in positivity this week to 4.4% compared to last week at 4.8%.
- **Hospitalizations:** As of 12/20/21, 57 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 related illness in Boulder County hospitals compared to 70 last week. **Pediatric Cases:** As of 12/20/2021, the four Children's Hospitals have six confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations and eight presumed positive COVID-19 persons under investigation.
- **Deaths:** Boulder County has had 66 deaths since May 1, 2021, for a total of 323 deaths. Boulder County deaths have **substantially increased** over the last 7 weeks. Since 2020, Boulder County has a cumulative death rate of 99 deaths per 100,000 persons compared to the national rate of 242 deaths per 100,000 persons. Among the 66 deaths since May 1st, 2021, the average age at the date of death was 71 years of age for the unvaccinated and 83 years of age for the vaccinated.
- Cases by Age Groups: Case numbers were highest among 23-34 year olds (171 this week, 127 last week). Case rates are highest among 23-34 year olds. Case rates remained steady or decreased for all other age groups.
- Cases by Race/Ethnicity: In the past 7 days, 73% of our cases have been among white, non-Hispanic community members, who represent 77.4% of the population and 21% of Boulder County cases have been among Hispanic/Latinx community members who represent 14.0% of the population (Race/ethnicity data is recorded for 77.5% of cases).
- Percentage of cases by municipality: In the past 7 days, 31% of our new cases have resided in Boulder City that represents 32.5% of the total population in Boulder County and 29% of our

new cases have resided in Longmont representing 29.5% of the total population in Boulder County.

Town Hall offices will be closed from Friday, December 24 – January 2nd to allow employees a break during the holidays and refresh for the New Year. Staff would like to thank the trustees for this gesture and reassure them that phones and emails will be changed to reflect the closure. Staff will be checking the town hall regularly for security and picking up packages. Pipe water customers can access the system on December 27, 29, and 31st between 10-2 by stopping at the LaVern Johnson park host site. Public works or utility situations should be reported to nonemergency dispatch at 303-441-4444. On-call staff will respond. Staff is grateful for this opportunity and appreciate the break following two years of pandemic and not working remotely like most employers. Happy Holidays!

Municipal Election: Nomination packets are available Tuesday, January 4th between 8:00-4:30 for anyone interested in running for Town of Lyons Mayor or Trustee. Please visit with Town Clerk Vasquez for the necessary paperwork. Nomination packets are due back no later than January 24th at 4:30 pm.

Moss Rock Development: The town has certified that the application for the hotel submittal is substantially complete and in compliance with the submittal requirements. The town will now distribute the plans to referral agencies, and they will have 14 business days to provide comments. The town will have up to 28 business days to get the comments back to the developers. Currently, we anticipate the PCDC hearing to be held on Monday, January 24, 2022.