

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: January 13, 2022
ITEM: Administrator's Report

ORDINANCE
 MOTION / RESOLUTION
 INFORMATION

Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, January 17th in recognition of the Martin Luther King Junior holiday.

Municipal Election: Nomination packets are available for anyone interested in running for Town of Lyons Mayor or Trustee. Please visit the Town Clerk's office for the required paperwork. Nomination packets are due back no later than January 24th at 4:30 pm. It has been noticed on eblasts, utility bills, town website and social media.

Board and Commission Training: The town will be offering two options for Board and Commission Training this month: Saturday, January 22, 10 am – 12 pm and Tuesday, January 25, 6:30-8:30 pm. Staff will record the sessions so others can watch them until it is offered again. The next session will probably be in May, following the municipal election. We encourage all appointees to attend one or the other, if possible.

Employee Handbook Update: Elaine Alberding, Precision Employment, presented the updated employee handbook, policies, and procedures to the town employees. Staff will now update databases to reflect the new policies regarding paid time off, retirement benefits, etc. Ms. Alberding is assisting with updating job descriptions, posting and interviewing for vacant positions and seeking competitive benefits on behalf of the town.

CIRSA Inspection: CIRSA staff conducted their annual inspection of town facilities. The items that were identified have been corrected and a report returned to CIRSA. All insurance policies for 2022 have been renewed and updated.

COVID Update:

- Because of the enormous impact of the Omicron surge on case numbers, BCPH staff has limited capacity to collect and verify surveillance data. They are suspending data collection and verification for race/ethnicity and municipal data during this surge and will resume data collection and verification of additional indicators will resume when cases decline.
- Data patterns in Boulder County mirror what is happening across Colorado and nationally
- Cases rose dramatically over the past three weeks
- Positivity rose substantially over the past three weeks
- Hospitalizations increasing
- Transmission Level: The Boulder County one-week cumulative incidence rate according to county data is 1,242.8 cases/100,000 persons in the last seven days, higher than last week's 913.9 cases/100,000 persons, which is High Transmission Red.

- Testing positivity: On average, 2,240 PCR tests were conducted per day in the past week, lower than the average 2,758 PCR tests per day during the week prior. There was an increase in positivity this week to 24.5% compared to last week at 20.2%.
- Hospitalizations: As of 1/10/22, 101 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 related illness in Boulder County hospitals compared to 62 last week. Pediatric Cases: As of 1/10/2022, the four Children's Hospitals) have 44 confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations and 20 presumed positive COVID-19 persons under investigation.
- Deaths: Boulder County has had 76 deaths since May 1, 2021, for a total of 333 deaths. Boulder County deaths have substantially increased over the last seven weeks. Since 2020, Boulder County has had a cumulative death rate of 102 deaths per 100,000 persons compared to the national rate of 252 deaths per 100,000 persons. Among the 76 deaths since May 1st, 2021, the average age at the date of death was 70 years of age for the unvaccinated and 83 years of age for the vaccinated.
- Case numbers were highest among 23-34-year-olds. Case rates increased for all age groups.

Town staff has had more positive cases this past week than over the past two years during the pandemic. We are providing high-quality masks, hand sanitizer, and rapid tests to employees. We are following CDC protocol and guidelines on isolation, quarantine, and returning to work.