

**TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees**  
**FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator**  
**DATE: February 17, 2022**  
**ITEM: Administrator's Report**

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 INFORMATION

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**Town Hall offices will be closed** on Monday, February 21st in recognition of the President's Day holiday. The Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

**Municipal Election:** There was one certified mayoral candidate and six certified trustee candidates who submitted packets for municipal office. There were no write-in candidates received by the January 31, 2022 deadline. The currently seated Board voted on 2/7/2022 via Resolution 2022-14 to cancel the municipal election in April 2022. The new Mayor and Trustees to be seated on April 18, 2022, will be as follows:

Mayor Hollie Rogin  
Trustee Tanya Mercer-Daty  
Trustee Glen Delman  
Trustee Ted Elson  
Trustee Jocelyn Farrell  
Trustee Greg Oetting  
Trustee Paula Williams

**Lyons Fire Protection District:** Mayor Angelo and Town Administrator Simonsen met with Chief Zick and Fire Marshal Pischke to discuss items of mutual concern. The LFPD will be hosting a telephone town hall meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. This is an opportunity for the public to ask questions and make comments about the District and its services. We will be working together on communicating wildfire mitigation strategies and hopefully performing some evacuation drills by neighborhood to better educate the community. The LFPD, town, and sheriff's office are working on a tubing ban ordinance, installing swift water rescue stations, and the possibility of requiring personal flotation devices (especially during high water) on the St. Vrain. There was also discussion about the new hotel, a fire risk analysis of town-owned parcels as well as whether fireworks should be considered in 2022. We will follow up this meeting with regular monthly meetings of the parties.

**COVID Update:**

- Case numbers declining, but remain high
  - State backlog of cases continues
  - Demographic (race/ethnicity/municipality) reporting is paused due to surge
- Testing positivity decreasing
- Hospitalization numbers fall, but issues continue to impact health care systems
- Deaths continue to rise
- Over 300,000 (over 92%) of Boulder County residents with at least a partial course of COVID-19 vaccine
- Therapy shortages continue, even as options expand

- **Transmission Level:** The Boulder County one-week cumulative incidence rate according to county data is 273.3 cases/100,000 persons in the last seven days, which is lower than last week's rate of 390.9 cases/100K. Boulder County remains in *High Transmission Red*, according to the CDC tracker, along with most of the state. Case numbers were highest on 1/15 with a rate of 2,029.8/100,000.
- **Testing positivity:** On average, 1,893 PCR tests were conducted per day in the past week, lower compared to the average 2,741 PCR tests per day during the week prior. There was a decrease in positivity this week to 10% compared to last week at 13%.
- **Hospitalizations:** As of 2/14/22, 30 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 related illness in Boulder County hospitals compared to 49 last week. **Pediatric Cases:** As of 2/14/2022, the four Children's Hospitals have 25 confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations and 15 persons under investigation (PUIs).
- **Deaths:** Boulder County has had 108 deaths since May 1, 2021, for a total of 365 deaths. The death rate in Boulder County since May 2021 is 33/100K. The death rate from 3/2020-4/2021 was 78.55/100K. Among the deaths since May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, the average age at the date of death was 71 years of age for the unvaccinated and 82 years of age for the vaccinated. Since May 2021, 23 or 21% of deaths were among those associated with long-term care facilities.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Cases by Age Groups:** Case numbers were highest among 23-34 year olds (174 this week, 248 last week). Case rates decreased among all age groups. 7-day cumulative incidence per 100,000 remains highest among 75+, 0-11yo and 35-44yo.

## VACCINATIONS

- **Vaccinations among all Boulder County residents:** Almost 230,000 people in Boulder County are fully vaccinated, 70% of the total population. Over 300,000 Boulder County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, 92.4% of the total population. 1,572 Boulder County residents received their first dose COVID-19 vaccine this past week (1,369 last week), with an average of 467 doses administered per day compared to an average of 469 doses per day last week.
- **Percent of persons not fully vaccinated (partial or unvaccinated) in Boulder County:** Boulder County has approximately 327,000 residents according to the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) estimate. 230,000 people are fully vaccinated, leaving about 97,000 not fully vaccinated. 13,600 are ineligible (ages 0 to 4). 73,000 have received a partial dose. The remaining 10,400 people are eligible and unvaccinated. Approximately 97,000 Boulder County residents are not fully vaccinated because of their age or another reason. This represents just under 30% of the overall population.

### **Boulder County's Universal Mask Requirement Ends Feb. 18, 2022**

Boulder County, CO - On Feb. 14, after receiving a detailed briefing from Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) experts and hearing public comments, the Boulder County Board of Health, voted to rescind Public Health Order 2021-08 and Public Health Order 2021-07 effective at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18.

Public Health Order 2021-08 required all individuals 2+ to wear masks in all indoor settings regardless of vaccination status. Public Health Order 2021-07 required masks for all childcare settings, PK-12 schools, and youth activities regardless of vaccination status. Although masks will no longer be

required by BCPH after February 18, Boulder County Public Health recommends all individuals 2+ wear a mask while around others. Schools, childcare centers, private businesses, and employers may choose to implement their own policy requiring masks for individuals in their space. Boulder County Public Health provides signage for entities that wish to continue requiring masking after the order requirements end.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission for their staff and students, BCPH strongly encourages schools, childcare facilities, and youth activity providers to enact their own indoor mask policies. BCPH also recommends that private businesses and facilities implement their own vaccine or indoor mask requirements and policies to keep those they serve safe.

All existing state and federal mask requirements remain in place, including for ages 2+ on public conveyances such as school buses and public transportation and in Head Start programs, and for unvaccinated individuals ages 11+ in jails, prisons, health care settings, and homeless shelters.

“The most recent COVID-19 data for Boulder County is highly encouraging—73 percent of the county’s residents are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccination, the surge of the omicron variant has peaked and appears to be less severe than previous variants, including in children, and new cases and positive tests are declining. Residents over the age of 5 can easily access a free, safe and highly effective vaccine, and new treatment options have been approved and are being distributed,” said Camille Rodriguez, Boulder County Public Health Executive Director. “Despite those positive trends, not all the news is good. The number of COVID-19 deaths in Boulder County continues to increase and, although hospitalizations are decreasing, new COVID-19 cases continue to add strain to the county’s already over-taxed health care providers.”

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) projects that immunity to the omicron variant will continue to rise. Omicron currently accounts for 98.4% of cases in Colorado and CDPHE modeling estimates that 80% of Colorado’s population now have some level of immunity because they have either been vaccinated, infected with the omicron variant, or both.

“While these trends are promising, the risk of serious illness and hospitalization remains, particularly for the most vulnerable members of the county. COVID-19 is still a potentially deadly virus and everyone should continue to take steps to protect themselves and at-risk community members,” said Rodriguez. “The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones is to get vaccinated, continue wearing a medical-grade mask when indoors—especially if you are unvaccinated—and, if you feel unwell, get tested and don’t go to work or school, regardless of your vaccination status. BCPH will provide more detailed guidance for individuals to help guide decision making and protect themselves and their loved ones in the coming weeks.”

## **LAHC Updates**

- The February 9th Town Hall and Lyons Regional Library Art Shows were very successful! There was an estimated 70 guests throughout the evening. Artists who participated sold \$1,925 of artwork.
- The LAHC approved language for the Design Guidelines
- The Clarifier signage design is coming along nicely! There should be finalized images of the sign in the upcoming month
- LAHC members met with Android Jones and his team to work on Town Hall mural details - installation scheduled to happen this summer/fall
- There is a discussion of working on a mural on the Water Tower near Apple Valley Road