

**Central District Health Board of Health Meeting
Emergency Board WebEx Meeting**707 N Armstrong Place, Boise WebEx Meeting
Saturday, June 20, 2020 | 2:00 p.m.**Minutes****Attendees***Board of Health Members:*

Betty Ann Nettleton, RN (Ret.), Chair	Comr. Diana Lachiondo
Rep. Megan Blanksma, Vice Chair (Absent)	Comr. Ryan Stirm
Comr. Elt Hasbrouck, Trustee	Dr. Jane Young, DNP
Dr. Ted Epperly, MD	

Staff:

Russell A. Duke, District Director	Donna Mahan, Recorder
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Call Board of Health Meeting to Order – Betty Ann Nettleton

Betty Ann Nettleton, Board Chair, called Central District Health (CDH) Board of Health meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Uptick in COVID Cases – Russ Duke

From the start, the public health goals have been to protect the vulnerable population and prevent our hospitals from getting overwhelmed with COVID patients so that they could provide appropriate care for all of their patients. With the significant increase in cases being reported, as well as a much higher positivity rate, and a rise in cases in age groups outside of the 18-29 year old, community restrictions need to be considered.

The Board discussed finding the best approach to manage the increase in positive cases, knowing the current numbers reflect exposures that took place a week or two ago. The Board discussed that the increase in cases was not limited to the Downtown bars and nightclubs; and therefore, they needed to look at the overall public health of our District. Key points of discussion:

- Moving from Stage 4 to Stage 3, including bars and nightclubs
- Moving to Stage 1 or 2 if necessary
- Providing a messaging campaign using healthcare leaders to emphasize how important hand washing, wearing face coverings, and practicing physical distancing is to slow the spread
- Being prudent in closures to best keep the economy going while protecting the health of our communities
- Limiting orders to Ada County only to contain community spread to and within the county

- Preventing too many cases from ending up in our hospitals
- Keeping our vulnerable population protected
- Providing the decision regarding the time of the press release and the serving of the order of closure to Ada County to return to Stage 3 (guideline on COVID-19 website), including closure of bars and nightclubs
- Starting date to be included in the Order but no end date

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion recommending that Ada County move into Stage 3 for the control of COVID-19 outbreak of significance as quickly as possible including bars and nightclubs. We use syndromic, epidemiology, and clinical numbers to determine when these restrictions can be lifted. CDH will develop a messaging campaign that includes multiple healthcare leaders to help amplify this message across all of Ada County. Seconded by Commissioner Ryan Stirm. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.


Adjournment – Betty Ann Nettleton

No further business was brought before the Board; meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Attest:



Betty Ann Nettleton
Board Chair



Russell A. Duke, District Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on June 26, 2020.