

**CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH | MINUTES**  
707 N Armstrong Place, Boise, ID | Syringa Room  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

**Note:** Due to COVID 19, meetings of the Board for the remainder of 2020 will be held via video conference unless otherwise noted.

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**I. IN THE MATTER OF CALL TO ORDER**

Betty Ann Nettleton, Board Chair, called the Central District Health (CDH) Board of Health meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**II. IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL**

The Board of Health members were identified by roll call: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Trustee; Representative Megan Blanksma, V-Chair; Jane Young, DNP; Ted Epperly, MD; Commissioner Diana Lachiondo; and Betty Ann Nettleton, RN (Ret), Chair with Commissioner Ryan Stirn absent.

Others present were CDH staff members Russell A. Duke, District Director; Kimberly Link, Communicable Disease Control Manager; and Donna Mahan, Recorder.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No motion required.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. *Vote on minutes from September 22, 2020 Board meeting*

**Motion:** Representative Megan Blanksma made a motion to approve the September 22, 2020 Board of Health minutes as presented; seconded by Dr. Jane Young. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

2. *Review of COVID-19 metrics for Criteria for Determining Quarantine and Restriction Orders for Ada County, by Kimberly Link, Communicable Disease Control Manager*

Over the past two weeks, the ICU admissions among Ada County residents have remained stable with the Non-ICU admissions showing an upward trend. Reported cases continue to trend upward. In the past week, we had a 3 consecutive day stretch with 100+ cases reported each day. The number of reported cases increased by 22% during the week of October 4 as compared to the week prior. Ada County clusters/outbreaks of note include Boise State, IDOC, Ada Co Jail, and 25 long-term care facilities.

With the majority of cases at long-term care facilities are being transmitted by staff coming into the facility while they are infectious and other residents being exposed when they have left the facility, the Board requested Mr. Duke to present at the October 20 Board of Health meeting a proposed amended Ada County Order to allow for visitation at long-term care facilities.

3. *Discussion on Determination of Community Spread of COVID-19 Designations for Schools and Current Guidance from CDH on School Operational Plans, by Russ Duke, District Director*

Russ Duke, District Director, shared the chronology of CDH determining the community spread of COVID-19 designations for schools and providing guidance on school operational plans. On July 9, the Idaho Back to School Framework was published. The document defined the role of local public health districts, which is to identify community spread and provide recommendations of operational plans. It was made clear that it was 100% the school boards' decision on how they operated. The Idaho Back to School Framework document is a recommendation not a requirement. On September 10, due to the guidance for determining community spread designations provided by the Department of Health and Welfare being too complex to interpret and for the public to understand, CDH developed a more simplified metric system. In anticipation of Ada County moving to category 3 or Red the week of October 12, CDH released a position statement on October 9 to support schools maintaining their stage of transition to in-person learning and to pause close contact sports until the county moved back to category 2 or Yellow for the level of community transmission. The basis for taking this position as opposed to virtual learning only for all schools as recommended by the Idaho Back to School Framework when in category 3 is because CDH is not seeing transmission occurring in the in-person learning environment, but the close contact sports are high risk for transmission of this respiratory illness.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board of Health meeting will be Friday, October 16 at 8:30 a.m. The Board adjourned at 6:27 p.m. by a motion.

**Motion:** Representative Megan Blanksma made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

**Attest:**



Betty Ann Nettleton  
Board Chair



Russell A. Duke, District Director  
Secretary to the Board

*Board Minutes approved on October 16, 2020.*