

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2020**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.
2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2020**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE**

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, gave the Board a review of the most recent data regarding COVID-19 in Oregon, Polk, and Marion County. Oregon Currently has a total of 42,436 COVID-19 cases, 655 deaths. Looking at the last week 10/18 through 10/24 Oregon had a test positivity rate of 6.5%. For that same time period Marion County had a test positivity rate of 8.8% and Polk County had a test positivity rate of 2.7%.

Polk County has a total of 656 COVID-19 cases, 15 deaths, and there is 1 hospitalization. There were 788.5 positive cases per 100,000 people tested and 20 individuals who are currently isolating.

Marion County has a total of 5,858, 108 deaths, and there are 4 hospitalizations. There were 1,684.5 positive cases per 100,000 people tested.

Capital Manor had 2 positive cases initially and since then they have one more positive case as of 10/22. Salem Health has a total of 55 positive cases since reporting began.

Staffing within Public Health has not changed and they are fully staffed. They have weekend coverage and have not needed any additional support from Douglas County.

They have received 17 out of the 18 MOU's back from the Community Based Organizations (CBO's). The CBO's that are going to provide contact tracing are still getting through the training.

Tomorrow is the pop up testing event that is taking place at the Polk County Fairgrounds. They will test up to 150 people and currently have approximately 75 people signed up. Commissioner Pope asked when the CBO's would start providing the other services. Ms. Umstead stated that they are already providing wraparound services. Anybody tested will be referred to Family and Community Outreach and they will then be referred to whichever CBO Family and Community Outreach feels can best meet their needs.

Marion and Polk County combined had .5% of emergency department visits for COVID-like illness for the most recent review period. Combined they saw an uptrend of 9% of tests that were positive in the last seven days and a -2% increase in new cases in the last 7 days. 27% of cases were not traced to a known source and 99% of cases were followed up on within 24 hours.

For the reporting period starting October 11<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup> Polk County was under the target at .5% of emergency department visits for COVID-like illness. There was a downtrend with 6.3% of tests that were positive in the last seven days. In Polk County 630 tests were

performed and 40 of them were positive. There was a 34% increase in new cases in the last 7 days. There were 43 new cases reported during this review week compared to 32 cases in the previous reporting week. 12% of cases were not traced to a known source in the last 7 days and 100% of positive cases were followed up on within 24 hours.

Marion County was also under the target at .5% for emergency department visits for COVID-like illness. Marion County saw an uptrend of 9.7% in percent of test that were positive in the last seven days. There were 2,701 people tested and 261 were positive. They saw a 6% increase in new cases in the last seven days. 29% of cases were not traced to a known source and they also followed up on 99% of positive cases within 24 hours.

Ms. Umstead stated that she attended a meeting in which they discussed some changes in the metrics for in person instruction in schools. Nothing was confirmed so she could not provide details but assured that the Department of Education would be announcing the changes soon.

**4. NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
Approved: November 10, 2020