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Fwd: Emergency meeting/ Travel Restrictions

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 3:24 PM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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------ Forwarded message ------From: Marc Wilson <marcsorbowilson@yahoo.com> Date: Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 3:17 PM Subject: Re: Emergency meeting/ Travel Restrictions To: bosone@edcgov.us <bosone@edcgov.us>, bostwo@edcgov.us <bostwo@edcgov.us>, bosthree@edcgov.us <bosthree@edcgov.us>, bosfour@edcgov.us <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us <bosfive@edcgov.us> Cc: Marc Wilson <marcsorbowilson@yahoo.com>

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not reimpose fines on travelers as you did previously traveling to the Lake Tahoe basin including South Lake Tahoe. Many many travelers from the San Francisco Bay area along with travelers from the Central San Joaquin Valley in Central California are traveling to South Lake Tahoe including Stateline Nevada to stay at Harrah's and Harvey's two of four casinos in Stateline Nevada. To get to those casinos from California travelers have to travel on Highway 50 through South Lake Tahoe. I am one of those travelers who will be vising Harrah's Lake Tahoe from July 27-31. So please do not reimpose fines and fine travelers traveling to the Nevada casinos at Lake Tahoe. Thank you for your consideration and concern.

Sincerely,

Marc Wilson



Comments for Special BOS Meeting 7/9/20

1 message

Joe and Margrit Petrofsky <JoeandMargrit@earthlink.net> To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 3:56 PM

Hello Hon. Board of Supervisors

My name is Margrit Petrofsky; I am a resident of Lotus, and an RN with a Public Health Nurse certification.

My response when I read the reason for the meeting is: I am happy we are eligible for the funds, and unhappy that such incentives have to be put in place in order to receive them.

I have been dismayed that, for the past months, when I have gone out for essentials in our county, that very few individuals choose to wear masks. This was (and continues to be) the case even with the frequent and widespread information that, if we wear masks, infection rates go down.

For instance, take Hong Kong. With a population of 7 million people (more than NYC) they have had--as of 07/08/20--1324 cases of Covid-19, 7 deaths, and 1167 recovered (www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/china-hong-kongsar/; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_Hong_Kong). Their compliance rate of wearing masks is very high, in part because of the harsh experience they had during the SARS outbreak in 2003.

Wearing a mask, along with frequent, thorough hand-washing and physical distancing keeps Covid-19 infection rates down. (www.ucsf.edu/news/2020/06/417906/still-confused-about-masks-heres-science-behind-how-face-masks-prevent) It is not a political issue, but one of public health.

So, I am for enforcement of mask-wearing, even though it pains me to say so; who among us wants to be told what to do? But, as Supervisor Novasel has publicly observed, in the Preamble of our Constitution, "Promote the General Welfare" comes before "and Secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and our Posterity" (constitutioncenter.org/intera ctive-constitution/preamble, www.mtdemocrat.com/news/nonessential-travelers-into-tahoe-basin-could-get-1000-fine).

So, I wear a mask because it keeps my fellow Americans safe from infection from me; I ask for the same from them. This is simply the right thing to do--for good and evidence-based reasons--during this time of world-wide pandemic. It should also be seen as one of the responsibilities citizens should bear that come with all our cherished "Blessings of Liberty," ie all our rights as American citizens.

I believe if we--collectively--can somehow convince our local population (and I am in no way minimizing the enormity of this task) to wear masks, practice thorough hand-washing and physical distancing, infection rates will go down, and we can safely get back to work and school. Maybe someday, we can do this without needing a carrot or a stick. Thank you.

7/8/2020



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Fwd: Really?!?

1 message

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------ Forwarded message ------From: Tracy Doyle <tnddoyle@icloud.com> Date: Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 3:54 PM Subject: Really?!? To: <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bostwo@edcgov.us>, <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <bosfour@edcgov.us>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Today Nancy wrote:

"What is new is that on June 29th, the case rates over the prior 14-day period exceeded a 100 positive case count per 100,000 population for the first time. By Sunday, July 5, there had been so many new cases in the South Lake Tahoe region that the rate had risen to 169 per 100,000, far exceeding one of the Governor's criteria for requiring the roll back of some of the allowances we've worked hard to attain," she said when releasing a Tahoe-region specific case graph with data through July 5th."

Common core math? We have 119 active cases. Why would it matter how many over all total positives per 100,000... it's how many active cases that is relevant. This is shady. 264 confirmed and then we subtract recoveries gives us 119 active cases. Looking at total cases ever positive per 100,000 to evaluate the current picture is insane. 119 out of population of 192,000.

Blessings,

Tracy Doyle



FW: Wearing a mask cuts own risk of novel coronavirus by 65 percent, experts say | Fox News

1 message

djinkens@charter.net <djinkens@charter.net> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 9:31 AM

Good Morning:

Please forward this communication to Board members.

Thank you and have a great day! David

From: djinkens@charter.net <djinkens@charter.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:04 AM

To: Sue Novasel (novasel@aol.com) <novasel@aol.com>; 'nancy.williams@edcgov.us' <nancy.williams@edcgov.us> Cc: Jason Collin (jcollin@cityofslt.us) <jcollin@cityofslt.us>; Tamara Wallace (twallace@cityofslt.us) <twallace@cityofslt.us>; Cody Bass (cbass@cityofslt.us) <cbass@cityofslt.us>; Brooke Laine (blaine@cityofslt.us) <blaine@cityofslt.us>; dmiddlebrook@cityofslt.us; 'nancy.williams@edcgov.us' <nancy.williams@edcgov.us>; "Donald

Ashton' <don.ashton@edcgov.us>; 'Joseph Irvin' <jirvin@cityofslt.us>; 'sblankenship@cityofslt.us' <sblankenship@cityofslt.us>

Subject: FW: Wearing a mask cuts own risk of novel coronavirus by 65 percent, experts say | Fox News Importance: High



Dear Supervisor Novasel:

I came across this article this morning as I scanned the <u>various</u> news sources. It discusses the tremendous benefits our community and users have to wear masks. I do not suggest that this news source is medical evidence in itself for mask wearing, but *I respectfully suggest that it supports my suggestions for vigorous educational programs to actively encourage mask wearing (for those who can medically do so without harm to themselves) in our community as an alternative to shutting down South Lake Tahoe's economy (Letter of July*

7/9/2020

Edcgov.us Mail - FW: Wearing a mask cuts own risk of novel coronavirus by 65 percent, experts say | Fox News

7 attached).People must understand clearly the benefit to them and the community from wearing protective masks.

I hope that your day and that of Board members and staff is a good one. Thank you for your service to our District and County.

David

David Jinkens, MPA

Good Government Advocate

South Lake Tahoe, CA

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SUPERVISOR NOVASEL LETTER - COUNTY SPECIAL MEETING ON COVID 19.docx 28K

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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA 96158



SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 7, 2020

The Honorable Sue Novasel Supervisor El Dorado County 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

RE: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – BUSINESSES THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH SAFETY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Dear Supervisor Novasel:

I was recently made aware that the Board of Supervisors will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 "to give direction on how to deal with businesses who aren't complying with current guidelines and also decide on how to handle the rising coronavirus case counts." (Tahoe Daily Tribune)

"Unfortunately, we have seen a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, including a concerning increase in hospitalizations," said Gov. Newsom in the letter. "Everyone in the state must accept and continue to uphold their individual responsibility to help defeat this pandemic. When those responsibilities are disregarded, state and local governments must take action to protect their residents..." (Ibid)

Rumors abound in South Lake Tahoe that the Board may impose restrictions on South Lake Tahoe and South Shore businesses and not allow as one example the continuation of indoor dining. Blaming business owners and operators for increases in COVID-19 cases in El Dorado County is not a complete or accurate story in my view.

Recommendations:

- 1. <u>Continue to give</u> business owners and operators including restaurants (for indoor dining) the opportunity to remain open to serve the needs of the public if they are actively engaged in following COVID-19 guidelines for safety from County and State health officials.
- 2. <u>Caution</u> business owners and operators who do not comply with County and State health rules that after a warning to come into compliance, and if they do not, they will be closed.
- 3. <u>Require</u> residents of and visitors to South Lake Tahoe to wear appropriate protective masks while in public places <u>except for those who medically cannot do so</u>. Just as

people are required to wear seat belts when driving a car, masks at this time are an essential safety measure to protect the public and employees from the spread of COVID-19.

4. <u>Conduct</u> an energized public safety campaign to tell residents <u>and visitors</u> to wear protective masks. Being an American does not mean we are entitled to risk the health and safety of others by not wearing a mask. It is not macho to refuse to wear a mask. It is stupid.

Keep the local economy moving forward:

The restarting of the local economy is essential to the economic well being of our community and the people local businesses employ. We cannot have a local economy that is shut down again and again because it would lead to the death of local businesses, jobs, and revenues needed to maintain and operate essential services to the people who live here.

We must take personal responsibility:

I and my fellow residents and visitors must take personal responsibility to use safe practices such as wearing a mask and social distancing while we go about our day to day activities. I want our economy to remain open and I, like you, want our community safe.

In my experience, most restaurant owners in South Lake Tahoe <u>do follow the rules</u>, and I for one do not want them punished because a small minority of people do not want to obey the rules.

My hope and expectation as well is that City officials will continue to work hand in hand with County government to support keeping local businesses open and seeing that protective guidelines are enforced in the most positive manner possible. Education and enforcement are far better alternatives than shutting businesses down again.

If people wish to gather and exercise their right to free speech in protest in support of some action, they should be allowed to do so and advised that they too must wear masks and practice social distancing. *People who want to riot should not be allowed to do so even if they do wear masks and practice social distancing.*

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts on this matter and thank you for your service to our District and County.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

David M. Jinkens, MPA Good Government Advocate South Lake Tahoe, CA

C: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors, El Dorado County Honorable Mayor and Council Members, South Lake Tahoe El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Ashton South Lake Tahoe City Manager, Mr. Irvin



Re: Tahoe businesses

1 message

Nancy Williams <nancy.williams@edcgov.us> To: Jennifer <smileyrileys@live.com> Cc: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 10:03 AM

Hello Jennifer,

Thank you very much for the input. I am forwarding your email to the clerk of the board who can share it with board members for their consideration. You may be interested in tuning in to the board meeting this afternoon where I will be giving an update on the COVID situation including the Tahoe area specifically.

Nancy

Nancy J. Williams, MD, MPH Public Health Officer El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency 931 Spring St. Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 621-6277 - Office (530) 499-0670 - Mobile



On Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 9:24 AM Jennifer <smileyrileys@live.com> wrote:

I hope read this before your meeting today regarding Lake Tahoe. The spike is NOT just from tourists! Local businesses are not following mandates or guidelines. Restaurant workers are not wearing masks as they should in many places, timeshare hotels are not enforcing mask wearing inside buildings and stores are not enforcing guidelines either!

I am married with two children and we are very worried about our health and safety! I am a teacher and I have lived here for 23 years. We need to make a big change here fast or this town is going to spike fast even more. Many of us are tremendously scared! PLEASE DO SOMETHING!

Sincerely, A Tahoe local

Sent from my iPhone

7/9/2020

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>



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1 message

Vince Mini <minivmini@aol.com> Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 11:10 AM To: edc.cob@edcgov.us Cc: Nancy Williams <nancy.williams@edcgov.us>, The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>, Cindy Munt <cindy.munt@edcgov.us>

Good morning all. We are at a cross bridge again as to shut the county down or stay open . Although our cases have gone up, the highest amounts are in the Tahoe region. I'm asking as a small business owner who has just recently opened, taking all precautions seriously to look at allowing us to stay open. May I suggest if a shut down is necessary, just shut the Tahoe region down. Yours in Strength,

Vincent J. Mini, SFGII, FMS2, USAW1 Owner of Mini's House of Pain S & C 7/9/2020



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This missive from Placer county echoes a review of the data that anyone who is interested can find out. We are being lied to from the CDC, the state, and perhaps you folks.

These shutdowns are a fraud, if you go along with this you are intentionally stealing from free citizens and violating their rights. These mandates are illegal and must be pushed back

https://www.facebook.com/KirkUhlerPCDist4/videos/1107126286327891/UzpfSTEwMDAwNDU1ODQxNDIzMjpWSz oyODA5NjgxMTY0ODU3NTM/

Sent from my iPhone

Corby L. Schmautz

Placerville CA

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 12:45 PM



Fwd: COVID 19

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us> To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 12:40 PM

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------ Forwarded message ------From: Patrick <palanius@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 12:36 PM Subject: COVID 19 To: <bosone@edcgov.us>

In response to an email submitted claiming there is not pre- or asymptomatic spread of this virus, please consider the attached:

"Abstract

Since the emergence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), unprecedented movement restrictions and social distancing measures have been implemented worldwide. The socioeconomic repercussions have fueled calls to lift these measures. In the absence of population-wide restrictions, isolation of infected individuals is key to curtailing transmission. However, the effectiveness of symptom-based isolation in preventing a resurgence depends on the extent of presymptomatic and asymptomatic transmission. We evaluate the contribution of presymptomatic and asymptomatic transmission based on recent individual-level data regarding infectiousness prior to symptom onset and the asymptomatic proportion among all infections. We found that the majority of incidences may be attributable to silent transmission from a combination of the presymptomatic stage and asymptomatic infections. Consequently, even if all symptomatic cases are isolated, a vast outbreak may nonetheless unfold. We further quantified the effect of isolating silent infections in addition to symptomatic cases, finding that over one-third of silent infections must be isolated to suppress a future outbreak below 1% of the population. Our results indicate that symptom-based isolation must be supplemented by rapid contact tracing and testing that identifies asymptomatic and presymptomatic cases, in order to safely lift current restrictions and minimize the risk of resurgence."

https://www.pnas.org/content/early/2020/07/02/2008373117

Patrick A. Lanius 916.761.1902

Sent from my iPad



SUPERVISOR NOVASEL AND OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARD OUR PLEAS TO KEEP OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY OPEN

1 message

djinkens@charter.net <djinkens@charter.net>

Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 11:25 AM

To: amanda@tahoeadams.com, "David Borges, D.C." <coachdbdc@yahoo.com>, Dick VanBuskirk <dick.southtahoechamber@gmail.com>, Scott Blumenthal <scottblumenthal@yahoo.com>, bgslt@att.net, Cindy Rawlings <ccpiratetreasures@hotmail.com>, stctreasurer@charter.net, George Alm <radiotahoe@yahoo.com>, priceyman59@gmail.com>, Duano Wallace <duano wallace@hotmail.com>

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Dear President Adams, Board Members, and CEO Wallace:

This is a brief follow-up to the information provided to you by the Chamber CEO about the BOS action yesterday and update on the rise of COVID cases in the region.

Then takeaways for me are the following:

County officials listened to our concerns about keeping our business community open;
Businesses must comply with the safety precautions recommended by the State and County health officials. Businesses that do not comply will face enforcement action.

 Residents, visitors and employees must wear protective masks and follow the safety rules, and a greater effort is needed to ensure that they do so. A vigorous and sustained COVID-19 prevention

education program on the

need to protect us all from the virus is needed by all governmental entities, chambers, lodging associations, medical community, businesses owners and operators, and local news media

If we want to see our businesses, remain open, our local economy restored, and protect the health of everyone, all of us must follow the guidelines prescribed by health officials. The decision to remain open is ours to win or lose.

I trust that all of us will do the right thing and win! <u>I personally want to thank Supervisor Novasel, Board members and County officials for</u> <u>listening and responding positively</u>.

Attached is the County of El Dorado Press Release (07-08-20) on information about the increase in EDC COVID-19 cases discussed by Dr. Williams,

Best wishes and be safe! Have a great weekend!

David Jinkens, MPA

Legislative Chair & Board Member

South Tahoe Chamber of Commerce

2 attachments



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BOS COVID 19 Update by County Health officials.pdf 4413K





Chief Administrative Office El Dorado County

COUNTY RELEASES GRAPH SHOWING RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE REGION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 8, 2020

Contact: Carla B. Hass 530-621-4609 916-293-2046

(PLACERVILLE, CA) – After a steady increase in confirmed cases over the last few weeks and an influx of visitors to the South Lake Tahoe region over the Independence Day weekend, Public Health Officer Dr. Nancy Williams is taking a closer look at that region's COVID-19 case rate in relation to Governor Newsom's criteria for placing counties on a watch list which mandates they resume more restrictive measures for businesses and the public in those areas.

"Case counts in South Lake Tahoe have been disproportionately high since we started to track COVID-19 in March, having accounted for about 50 percent of the county's cases to date, but representing only 17 percent of the County's population," Williams said.

"What is new is that on June 29th, the case rates over the prior 14-day period exceeded a 100 positive case count per 100,000 population for the first time. By Sunday, July 5, there had been so many new cases in the South Lake Tahoe region that the rate had risen to 169 per 100,000, far exceeding one of the Governor's criteria for requiring the roll back of some of the allowances we've worked hard to attain," she said when releasing a Tahoe-region specific case graph with data through July 5th.

Governor Newsom announced last month that three categories of criteria are now being applied to determine whether or when a County will be required to reinstate closures and previous restrictions on businesses and the public. These are measures of disease transmission (recent case rates and percentages of tests performed that are positive), increases in rates of severe disease (hospitalizations), and indications of limited hospital capacity (ICU bed and ventilator availability).

One of these measures is the rate of new cases across the county that occurred in the most recent 14-day period. The specific value equals the total number of new cases reported over a 14-day period, divided by the number of people living in the county and then multiplied by 100,000. As long as that value stays under 100, the State is not concerned about case counts growing too fast. However, after it exceeds 100 for three consecutive days, the State will engage with County leaders to offer assistance with addressing the increase in COVID-19 cases. If a downward trend isn't evident quickly, the State is requiring counties where COVID-19 measures are exceeding thresholds to issue orders to reinstitute certain restrictions, according to Williams. As a county, El Dorado's numbers for each of the measures still fall below their respective thresholds.

"However, if we were to treat the South Lake Tahoe region (which includes incorporated and unincorporated South Lake Tahoe, Tahoma, Meyers, and several tiny nearby communities) as if it were a county, it would now be added to the State's monitoring list and asked to curtail certain activities," said Williams.

"By our calculations, the number had crossed the 100 threshold and cases are being reported in such great numbers that within a few days it had exceeded the threshold by 70%," Williams said. "To remain below the threshold rate for new cases, the region can only get about 2 cases per day on average, but we're seeing four or five times that many now."

"Unfortunately, countywide numbers are trending upward quickly, too, and we may find ourselves being directed by the State to roll back activities throughout the County," Williams added.

Many people, both residents and tourists, have been taking precautions, including following the masking and physical distancing mandates needed to slow the spread of the virus since the face-covering guidelines were issued by the State on June 18th. However, as evidenced over the recent holiday weekend, too many others are still taking unnecessary risks. That causes great concern in a tourism-based and tourism-dependent destination like Lake Tahoe that counts on keeping its businesses open during the busy summer months.

"There are plenty of ways to safely enjoy all the natural beauty El Dorado County offers whether it be hiking, boating, camping, climbing, or going to the beach," said Williams. "It's easy: stay with members of your own household, choose take-out over dine-in meals, wear a mask where required, spend your time outdoors instead of in closed buildings where the risk of transmission is highest, stay at least six feet from others who are not household members, and wash your hands. These are simple steps one can take no matter where they are in the Lake Tahoe region," she added.

"By actively trying to prevent the spread of COVID-19, you can make the difference between Lake Tahoe being able to keep businesses open for you to enjoy and having the State require us to bring back more stringent restrictions," Williams noted.



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Virtual Meetings UNSAFW

J M <jmessinasj@gmail.com> To: edc.cob@edcgov.us Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 12:02 PM

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Very disappointed to learn you are utilizing the Zoom. com app for your meeting. It is riddled with security flaws that make it unsecure an expose users to hackers. Such as: **The reporting:** Joe Cox, writing for Vice Motherboard, reported on March 26, 2020, that Zoom iOS App Sends Data to Facebook Even if You Don't Have a Facebook Account. The article accurately illustrates what went down with Zoom's usage of the Facebook software development kit (SDK) on Apple platforms that run iOS (namely, iPhones and iPads), and it appears that Joe is the original researcher who first reported the issue to Zoom.

You can not require the public to expose their computers, phones, etc. to hackers or unauthorized use of their data in order to participate in supposedly public meetings.