

# Board of Health Record Of the Proceedings – Skagit County, Washington

Date: January 14, 2021

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The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2021, with Connie Davis, MD, Aaron Katz, CPH, Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present.

## I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the telephonic proceedings to order at 4:00 p.m.

## II. AGENDA:

- a) \*4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Board of Health Special Session (Watch the meeting live on Skagit21 Television, streamed online at [www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21](http://www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21) or listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 632 327 501 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/632327501>):

Chair Wesen introduced Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson.

Ms. Johnson shared that on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 the Board of Health executed a resolution to call for a public hearing to consider the adoption of Skagit County Code 12.54 to Establish Civil Penalties for Violations of Health Officer Orders. She noted that the purpose and intent of the chapter was to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing for the control and prevention of any danger, contagious, or infectious disease, reducing the impact of communicable diseases and authorizing the issuance of civil penalties to support enforcement. She said that Skagit County Public Health utilized education, messaging and technical assistance as a preferred method for working with individuals, businesses, and community partners to protect the health of the community and that most often that had been effective to encourage good behavior and practices.

Ms. Johnson noted that Skagit County Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand had not issued any Health Officer orders relating to the coronavirus pandemic, and that only Health Officer recommendations had been in place.

Ms. Johnson shared that since the meeting had taken place on December 22, 2020, Public Health's COVID-19 response priorities had rapidly shifted to mass vaccination and recommended that the Board of Health cancel the public hearing and also cancel the consideration of Skagit County Code 12.54.

Discussion, questions and answers followed regarding vaccination priorities, continued need for masking and social distancing, and supportive communication with the community.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Situation Status Update Regarding Proposed Skagit County Code, Title 12.54 Civil Penalties for Violation of Health Officer Orders and Delaying/Cancelling Consideration of the Code and Public Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Lisa Janicki to approve to cancel the public hearing and consideration of Skagit County Code 12.54. Commissioner Peter Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Johnson provided a brief update on vaccination status. She shared her gratitude to Island County for their generosity and support providing Skagit County with vaccine doses for the 1A Tier.

Public Health continues to plan and prepare for a mass vaccination clinic to be held at the Skagit County Fairgrounds.

Hours of Operations beginning Tuesday, January 26, 2021 by appointment only:

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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COVID-19 Testing will continue on a reduced schedule offering testing at the Skagit County Fairgrounds site three days per week:

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For additional information about Skagit County's COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, please visit [www.skagitcounty.net/COVIDvaccine](http://www.skagitcounty.net/COVIDvaccine). You can also call the new COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at (360) 416-1500 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 4:30 p.m.

\*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Clerk of the Board