

**City Health Board Meeting Discussion Record**  
**March 8, 2021**

Voting members in attendance: Dr. Mary Milroy, Mayor Nathan Johnson and City Manager Amy Leon.

Ex Officio members in attendance: City Attorney Ross Den Herder, Police Commander Jason Foote, Community Development Manager Brad Bies, and Community and Economic Development Director Dave Mingo.

City Manager Leon called the meeting to order and introduced the board members for the benefit of the viewing public. She then discussed the updated metrics. Case numbers have increased slightly. Hospitalizations have remained low. Vaccination rates are increasing with reports that private pharmacies are providing vaccination in addition to Avera. There are probably even more people vaccinated than the state metric shows.

Mayor Nathan Johnson stated that Avera received a larger allocation of the vaccine this week with 840 doses arriving earlier in the day.

Leon discussed the new guidelines from the CDC. Fully vaccinated people are now advised that they can gather in small groups without masks. Protocol remains important and we need to keep up to date on what the CDC is saying. We also need to continue promoting that people get vaccinated.

Dr. Milroy agrees that following protocol is important and wearing a mask and good hygiene is important. Johnson agreed that it is important to “finish the race.”

Ross Den Herder noted that fewer people around town are wearing masks and we should watch the metric and be careful.

Brad Bies stated he is cautiously optimistic about the increasing vaccination rates.

Dave Mingo stated that good weather should help get people outdoors where social distancing is easier.

Jason Foote stated he is also noticing fewer people wearing masks. He also said some business are still requesting that customers wear them.

Leon reminded people that the city has signs that request people to wear masks. The signs can be picked up for free and displayed.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Milroy Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye - Johnson, Milroy and Leon. Motion passes.