

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Vicky King, Director of Nursing
Martha Montano, Epidemiologist
Ginger Dixon, Epidemiologist
Daniel Williamson, Epidemiologist

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and Possible Direction on the current status of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Ms. King, Ms. Montano, Ms. Dixon, and Mr. Williamson presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board throughout the presentation.

Ms. Montano reviewed local COVID-19 activity, including the number of cases, hospitalizations, and testing. While positive cases and emergency room visits for COVID-like illnesses have risen, Covid-19 hospitalizations are continuing to decrease. The Board requested additional information regarding breakthrough cases and comorbidities.

Ms. Dixon gave information regarding COVID-19 reinfections and natural immunity. The sample size for County reinfections is too small to draw conclusions, and published studies were also cited. Ms. Montano discussed the accuracy of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and antigen COVID-19 tests. She explained how false negative and false positive results may occur.

Ms. King presented on vaccine trends and vaccines administered in the County. Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters have all been approved for qualifying individuals. Ms. King briefly explained who is eligible to receive boosters, the difference between boosters and third doses, and where vaccinations are available. The Pfizer vaccine has been approved for 5-11 year olds, and some locations in the County have started offering child vaccinations. The Board and staff discussed recommendations for women during pregnancy.

Mr. Williamson gave an update on COVID-19 in schools and the changes since the beginning of the semester.

The Board and staff discussed the media presence of the County Health Department and how often information regarding COVID-19 is presented to the public.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board