

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, December 17, 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; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Absent: Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman

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

Attendees: Alicia Thompson, Health & Social Services Director  
Judy Lynn, Emergency Services Director  
Vicky King, Director of Nursing  
Daniel Williamson, Epidemiologist  
Edward Miller, Copper Queen Community Hospital Chief Medical Officer

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**

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***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

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

Dr. Thompson, Ms. Lynn, Ms. King, and Mr. Williamson presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Lynn reported that the hospital status has somewhat stabilized. This may be a temporary stabilization, and the holiday season may see a resurgence of cases. She also reported on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) partner briefings. Federal aid is currently impacted by natural disasters in other parts of the country.

Dr. Thompson presented on COVID-19 trends and case numbers, hospitalizations, and COVID-19 test percent positivity rates. Breakthrough cases continue to rise, and she recommends getting booster doses.

Ms. King reviewed vaccination statistics, including partially and fully-vaccinated individuals. There has been an increase in vaccines administered, and the percent of eligible County residents fully vaccinated is currently 54%. Ms. King reviewed booster recommendations, the County's efforts to administer boosters, developments with the Pfizer vaccine, and where vaccines are available.

Mr. Williamson presented on COVID-19 case trends in schools. The Board requested case data by age to be included in the next work session, while schools are closed for the winter break.

The Board, staff, and Dr. Miller revisited hospitalizations and hospital bed usage, the State surge line, and the efficacy of vaccination. The Board requested information on autoimmune responses, vaccination side effects, and the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) database to be presented at the next work session.

The next COVID-19 Update Work Session will be held January 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board