

# LARIMER COUNTY | HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

Bernard Birnbaum, MD, President

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Teri Olson, RN, MSN

## Mission:

Working to provide everyone in Larimer County the opportunity for a healthy life.

## Vision:

Larimer county is a thriving, health-aware community where everyone has access to healthy choices and a healthy environment.

## LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – November 20th, 2020

The Larimer County Board of Health (BoH) convened an emergency meeting at 7:06 a.m. through Zoom virtual platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Members Present:

Jennifer Lee

Dr. Bernard Birnbaum

Brian DelGrosso

Janna West Kowalski

Teri Olson

**Executive Secretary:** Tom Gonzales

**County Staff:** Andrea Clement-Johnson, Dr. Jared Olson, Phillip Daniel, Katie O'Donnell, Frank Haug, Chris Manley

**Call to Order** - Dr. Bernard Birnbaum, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:06am.

**Public Comment** - Dr. Birnbam announced that no public comment will be taken.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Discussion on Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment COVID-19 Dial

- Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, updated the Board on the COVID-19 metrics.
- Margo Karsten, Western Region President for Banner Health and Kevin Unger, President & CEO, Poudre Valley Hospital and Medical Center of the Rockies, gave updates on our local hospital systems' current status and future outlook.
- Mara Brosy Wiwchar from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) presented and gave an update on the current CDPHE COVID-19 dial and informed the Board of the state's decision to move Larimer County from level Yellow to level Orange on the dial. Mara implored the county to move to level Red on the dial and spoke about the high probability of moving the county to level Red the following week.
- Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, updated the Board on the differences between level Orange and level Red on the dial.
- The Board discussed the CDPHE's recommendation to move to level Red.



**Motion to follow state guidance and move Larimer County to level Red on the COVID-19 State Dial**

**Action** - Janna West-Kowalski motioned to support the Larimer County Health Department's acceptance of the state's recommendation to move to level Red for two weeks on the state's Covid-19 dial. Dr. Bernard Birbaum seconded the motion.

**Motion was approved 4-1**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.**