
CITY OF DEER LODGE

**Public Health & Safety
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

April 11, 2024 – 5:00 P.M. | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order:

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting: March 14, 2024

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – (Limit to three minutes per person)

4. Old Business: (Public Comment period prior to each topic)

- a. None

5. New Business:

- a. Goal #6: Police Department Funding - Jordan
- b. Department Reports: (Accept reports as presented)
 - 1. PD Report - Chief Smith
 - 2. Code Enforcement Report – Kody Ryan
 - 3. FD Report – Chief Pierson
 - 4. County Health Report – Ida Miller

6. Staff or Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

8. Adjournment:

Public Health & Safety Committee

Members

John Molendyke (Chair) | Kirk Hayes | Curt Fjelstad

CITY OF DEER LODGE

Public Health & Safety Committee

MINUTES

March 14, 2024, at 5:00pm | Council Chambers

Members Present: John Molendyke, Kirk Hayes, Rian King-Chavez
Members Absent: None
Mayor: Absent
CAO: Jordan Green
Staff: Cyndi Thompson, Fire Chief Pierson, Police Chief Smith
Guests: Ida Miller, County Health

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Molendyke called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting: February 8, 2024

Member King-Chavez motioned to approve as presented. Member Hayes seconded the motion.
3 Ayes. 0 Nos. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Per Person

a. None

4. Old Business:

a. Title 8: Kennel Review Language - Jordan

New language under the following.

8.02.010 DEFINITIONS:

PET BOARDING BUSINESS. The use of a building, structure, or parcel for the short-term boarding of dogs and cats for purposes other than veterinary medical procedures and observation. A pet boarding business is solely for boarding and is NOT for the commercial or private breeding, selling, bartering, or giving of any pet.

8.02.210 TEASING OR UNAUTHORIZED RERELEASING OF ANIMALS

(C) A pet boarding business as defined by §8.02.010 may be exempted from the provisions of this section if it has obtained approval from the City Council and holds a valid business license with the City.

a) The approval of a pet boarding business may be subject to additional conditions as required by the City Council to reduce the potential that the business creates public nuisance. Failure to adhere to these conditions will result in the revocation of its business license.

b) A pet boarding business may not engage in the commercial or private breeding, selling, bartering, or giving of any pet.

8.02.220 VIOLATIONS PENALTY

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, shall, upon conviction, be punishable as provided in § 1.08.010 of this code.

Member King-Chavez motioned to approve as presented with recommendation to City Council. Member Hayes seconded the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 Nos. Motion passed.

5. New Business:

a. Department Reports: ***Department Reports Accepted as presented.***

1. Police Police Chief Smith

Police Chief Smith summarized recent department activities for February based on 173 calls for service 122 reports generated, 33 traffic stops and 38 Citations issued.

2. Code Enforcement.....Kody Ryan

Kody summarized recent department activities for February based on 15 dogs at large calls, 17 citizen complaints, 1 temporary foster, 2 dogs at shelter, 1 citation issued, 120 year-to-date dog tags issued, 1 vicious dog detained at shelter, 1 stop work order issued, 1 junk vehicle removed.

3. Fire..... Fire Chief Pierson

Fire Chief summarized recent department activities for February based on 1 call for service.

4. County Health Report.....Ida Miller

Child Safety: Powell County Public Health has car seats available on a sliding scale basis and a trained child seat technician to help with installation and questions. We will be hosting a child seat inspection and installation on April 30th from 2:30-5 pm at the Community Center in conjunction with Safe Start.

Public Health Office: The Powell County Public Health office has regularly scheduled office hours every Thursday from 11 am to 2 pm. The office is on the lowest level of the

courthouse in Suite 106. The Public Health office employees participated in a Narcan training program.

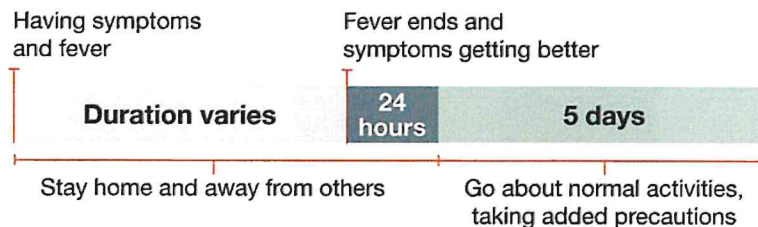
Animal bites: 2 dog bites and one cat bite in February

Influenza/Covid: There were 8 cases of COVID-19 reported in February and 51 cases of Influenza. Currently 3 active cases of covid for March and currently 4 active cases of influenza.

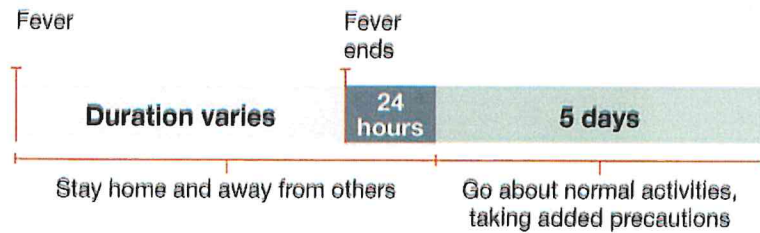
RESPIRATORY VIRUS GUIDELINES as of 03/04/2024:

- You can go back to your normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both are true:
 - Your symptoms are getting better overall, **and**
 - You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).
- When you go back to your normal activities, take added precautions over the next 5 days, such as taking additional [steps for cleaner air](#), [hygiene](#), [masks](#), [physical distancing](#), and/or [testing when you](#) will be around other people indoors.
 - Keep in mind that you may still be able to spread the virus that made you sick, even if you are feeling better. You are likely to be less contagious at this time, depending on factors like how long you were sick or how sick you were.
 - If you develop a fever or you start to feel worse after you have gone back to normal activities, stay home and away from others again until, for at least 24 hours, both are true: your symptoms are improving overall, and you have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication). Then take added precautions for the next 5 days.

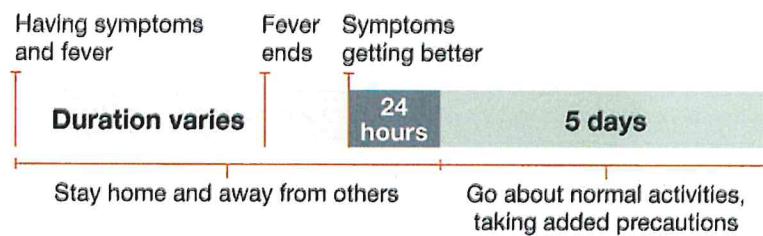
Example 1: Person with fever and symptoms.



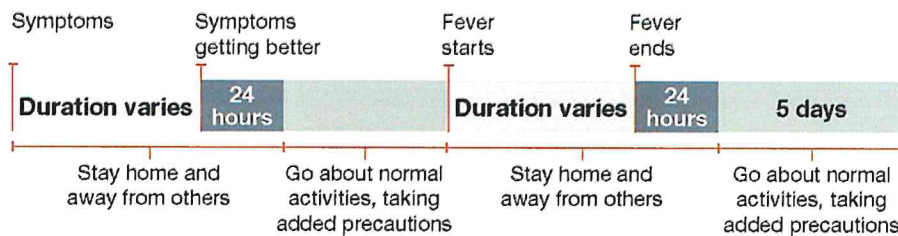
Example 2: Person with fever but no other symptoms.



Example 3: Person with fever and other symptoms, fever ends but other symptoms take longer to improve.



Example 4: Person gets better and then gets a fever.



Cold vs Influenza vs RSV

Signs and Symptoms

	Cold	Flu	RSV
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Rare	Common	Common
Aches	Slight	Common	No
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly Common	No
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual	No
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes	Common
Chest Discomfort	Mild/moderate	Common	Wheezing
Cough	Hacking	Severe coughing	Common
Stuffy nose/sore throat	Common	Sometimes	Maybe
Headache	Rare	Common	No

6. Staff Comments or Concerns:

- a. None

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 5:00PM.

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:26PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Chairperson: _____
John Molendyke

Date: _____

Public Health & Safety Committee
Members

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DEER LODGE Police Department

March 2024 Monthly Report

Chief George Smith

- 223 Calls for Service
- 189 Reports Generated
- 87 Traffic Stops
- 31 Citations Issued
- Types of Calls
 - 3 Assaults
 - 4 Domestic Violence
 - 2 DUI
 - 3 Auto Accidents
 - 5 Unwanted Persons
 - 16 Welfare Checks
 - 4 Suspicious Person
 - 1 Firearm Theft
 - 1 Hit and Run
 - 1 Death Notification
 - 1 Suicidal Person
 - 2 Phone Scams
 - 5 Request Officer
 - 2 Noise Complaints
 - 4 Civil Standbys
 - 4 Disorderly
 - 3 Vandalisms

Officer Highlights

Sergeant Slauson- Investigated and conducted an arrest on a Felony DUI. The suspect has 3 prior DUI convictions and is on Federal Probation.

Officer Schmidt- Investigated a Partner or Family Member Assault. The victim was a 54 yr/old mother, and the suspect was a 33 yr/old daughter. Injuries occurred and the suspect was arrested.

Officer Malcomb- Conducted 52 traffic stops in March.

Officer Denend- Responded to a drunk and disorderly 41 yr old adult female. Suspect was arrested for Assault, Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct.



CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

MARCH 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 Dog at Large Complaints
- 8 Citizen Complaints
- 1 Courtesy Hold at Shelter
- 135 Dog Tags Sold, Year-to-Date
- 2 Dogs at the Shelter
- 3 Citation Issued
- 1 Vicious Dog Detained at Shelter Pending Court Ruling
- Beaver Remediation
- Culvert Inspections and Clearing (if needed)
- Property Cleanups (slow process)
- Daily Patrols

INTEREST ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- None



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

MARCH 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

4 Call for Service:

- 1 Wildfire on private property. Owner was welding and a spark started the field on fire. This one burned about 10 acres.
- 1 Gas leak at Northern Propane. Was a substantial leak out of the fill end of the 18,000 gallon storage tank. We evacuated a 3 block radius while we made a game plan to walk into the leak. Once we had everyone out of the area, 2 firefighters walked in and got the leak shut off. Cause of the leak is still unknown but currently under investigation.
- 1 Structure fire call. The fire started in 10' by 10' shed that appeared to have someone squatting in it. Wind did push the fire into some vegetation, but we kept the fire from leaving the property.
- 1 Residential electrical fire. House was filled with smoke when we arrived, and occupant stated that they found the breaker to an outlet that was shorted and turned it off. Upon investigation, we found the outlet was still live and glowing red in the wall. We found the right breaker and shut it off. The occupants were then advised to call an electrician and have everything fixed and inspected before turning any more breakers on.

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Department Happenings:

- None

Powell County Public Health MARCH 2024

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Animal bites: One dog bite and one cat bite in February

Influenza/Covid: There were 12 cases of COVID-19 reported in March and 51 cases of Influenza. Currently there is 1 active case of covid and no other active cases of respiratory illness being reported.

Spring is here. Some health issues to be aware of are:

Rabies: As more wildlife becomes active as the weather warms, caution should be taken to prevent potential exposure.

Rabies is a fatal but preventable viral disease. It can spread to people and pets if they are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal. In the United States, rabies is mostly found in wild animals like bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes. However, in many other countries dogs still carry rabies, and most rabies deaths in people around the world are caused by dog bites.

Ticks: Different species carry different types of disease, in Montana the main species of tick we worry about are the black-legged tick or deer tick and the American dog tick. Those are the ones that carry diseases of the most concern to us right now, including Lyme disease which only deer ticks carry, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever which is carried by the dog tick.

Hantavirus: With spring weather, cleaning of outbuildings which may harbor rodents can lead to potential for exposure to hantavirus. Appropriate precautions should be used when evidence of rodents is visible. The most important hantavirus in the United States that can cause Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome is spread by the deer mouse here in Montana.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: This virus is extremely infectious and fatal to poultry and some species of wild birds. HPAI is now being found in dairy cattle and can cause decreased milk production and illness. The USDA has confirmed that there is no threat to human health and milk. Dairy products remain safe to consume. Pasteurization (high heat treatment) kills harmful microbes and pathogens in milk, including the influenza virus. Although the risk to humans is very low, Montanans should take precautions when handling game birds or any sick or dead bird they find. Gloves should always be worn when handling game birds or any sick or dead bird that must be handled for disposal. People are encouraged to report unusual or unexplained cases of sickness and/or death of domestic or wild birds by calling code enforcement at 406-594-0911 or public health at 406-691-0242.

Measles: Although there has only been a suspected case of Measles in Montana this year, the possibility of it occurring is increasing. If you are notified that you have been exposed to a case of measles, contact your healthcare professional so that they may determine if you are immune based on your immunization status, age, or laboratory evidence or evaluate you for symptoms.