

## Missoula City Council Public Safety and Health Committee Minutes

January 26, 2022

11:00 AM

ZOOM Webinar

**Members present:** Stacie Anderson (chair), Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** Mirtha Becerra

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

#### 1.1 Roll Call

#### 1.2 Approval of the Minutes

##### 1.2.1 Minutes of January 5, 2022 PSH meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### 3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Health Department Covid Update

D'Shane Barnett gave the committee an update on the Missoula COVID-19 statistics. Mr. Barnett said that the health department will not be contacting everyone who tests positive. The Missoula-County Health Department does have information available for those who want to know how best to protect themselves against COVID-19.

He also discussed preserving hospital capacity and said that local hospitals are being impacted by a blood shortage and a staff shortage. The community can help by giving blood, which is very much needed.

The health department only gets its federal funding to cover testing and vaccines. They do not receive funding through FEMA for case investigation, case monitoring, and contract-tracing. Funds for these activities are paid with local city and county dollars.

This weekend, the Missoula Office of Emergency Management will be at Fort Missoula to hand out at-home COVID tests to households that want them. There is a remote testing site at The University of Montana for students, staff, faculty of the University. The health department is working to open another testing station for the general public at the Missoula County Election Office, which should open very soon.

The public can go to [missoulainfo.com](http://missoulainfo.com) or call (406) 258-INFO to get information on All-Things-COVID.

N/A – information only

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn 11:45 a.m.