



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: April 10, 2014  
Re: Info Update

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## COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS ASAP

'nough said

### FEBRUARY SALES TAX WERE AWESOME

While it might seem like a long time ago, February was rocking in the Village. It was a good month. Unfortunately, this will be the last good sales tax news I get to report for a while so please enjoy it; February sales taxes returns were up 10.7% for the month. When you include the strong January we had, year to day sales tax receipts are up over 8% through February. Lodging tax revenue was up 13% in February and up 7.7% year to date. In addition to these long-standing sources of revenue, we also collected over \$32,000 in marijuana and cigarette tax so far this year. Unfortunately, this will be the last positive sales tax news I get to deliver for quite some time.

### COVID 19 TESTS

As you learned yesterday, the County received 1,000 test this week to help monitor COVID 19 here in the County. Attached to this Info Update I will include a fact sheet from the company about the test and some more general talking points about the tests. Here is a quick summary of that information:

-The test requires a large drop of blood from a finger lance. The results are quick (15 ish minutes). However, it does not detect the active presence of the virus. It is an antibody test that detects whether a person's body has actively fought the virus via antibody development, which can take seven days from contracting the virus. Hence it is most useful for population level data regarding how the virus has spread in the community. Tests are continually coming out, we may continue using this test, or switch to a better one if it is available in the future.

-The test has been approved under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization. The authorization was given based on 126 tests. Since that authorization was given additional information has come forward that the test may have some sensitivity to other corona viruses—like the common cold. We are working with the hospital and their lab to further validate the test by cross referencing PCR and the anti-body tests to confirm accuracy. We hope to have data on that next week.

-The test can only be issued under a doctor's order. Previous testing (limited contact trace testing) was done under Dr. Levin's order. Broader based testing will require the cooperation of all primary care doctors. There are a few ways the test could be distributed and used including drive up test centers, providing the test to the doctors to administer, or a

combination of both (most likely option). We want to understand the validation of the test with the hospital to work with the docs on the final testing plan.

-We will announce the testing plan and how tests can be accessed late next week (no later than Thursday, but earlier if possible).

This test will be helpful in developing a “return to normal strategy”. It will be one of several indicators that will help measure the overall immunity level in the community. There are a lot of indicators that will be used, testing is an important one. While policies and procedures are not yet in place for these new tests, it is very likely that health care workers, essential workers and first responders will be tested first. Again, by focusing on these people first, it will help to determine the overall immunity rate in the community. Once this is better understood (along with other indicators) we will be able to review the Public Health Orders and determine how quickly (or not) restrictions may be lifted. As the Public Health official like to say, It will help them meter the PHOs. I like to say it will help them identify the “baby steps” we can eventually start taking at some point to get back on the track to “normal”. I think it is important to point out that most communities are not this far yet and are not undertaking this additional testing. As the health care community evaluates this test in the coming week, we will get a better sense of how effective of an indicator it will create. Other indicators being tracked to inform us when we can Meter our PHOs include the amount of personal protective equipment available to health care workers and the death rate. All of this, and much more, information is being gathered to help determine what the next baby steps need to be.

#### VILLAGE SHUTTLE RIDERSHIP

In response to the inquiry about ridership Staff put together a two day survey done by our drivers to gauge why people are riding the bus. We had 98 and 96 passenger total respectively on those two days. The questions we asked were quite similar to those asked by RFTA. Here is the breakdown from a total of 117 responses.

Question 1) What is your reason for riding the bus?

- Food/shopping = 46%
- Work=15%
- Skiing/Exercise=23%
- Other=16% (we did ask drivers to specify when able to. Answers ranged from going home, visiting, catching RFTA)

Question 2) Do you have other transportation?

- Bus Only=55%
- Walk/Bike=16%
- Car=29%

Question 3) Do you feel safe riding the Village Shuttle?

- 100% of respondents answered yes.

## TID BITS:

- This week a Horse Ranch property (Lot 8) came through with a building permit submission that includes about 2,000+ s.f. of mechanical space which constitutes over 57% of the allowable FAR of the property.
- As of about the middle of the week, the County had approved 233 requests from its COVID-19 Relief Fund, issuing \$207,262 in relief.
- We have agreed to extend the TCO for Buildings 7 & 8 due to construction shut down until Sept. 1, 2020. They primarily have finish work and landscaping to do at this point.
- We started staffing a Park Attendant for Town Park on Friday. The attendant is helping to make sure that people in the park are staying in groups of less than 5, staying 6 feet from each other and wearing masks.
- As part of our efforts to stop the spread of COVID 19 for those individuals that are homeless, Pitkin County set up a temporarily use of the Brush Creek Intercept Lot to provide campsites for homeless who are not able to utilize our emergency shelter. We anticipate limited overnight use of the lot for up to 6-10 people. The site will be managed and supervised by Pitkin County. We anticipate use of the site to run concurrent with the County's public health order requiring residents to stay at home.
- We are hosting a virtual Tourism Talk next week, on Tuesday the 14 at 10. If you want to “attend” let me know and we will get you an invite.

CC: Department Directors