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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Bryan Wheeler, Director of Public Health

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Re: Continued Recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Remote Meetings

Both Mono County “covering” Health Officer Dr. Rick Johnson and I strongly recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Mono County communities, including at meetings of the Board of Supervisors, to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Whether vaccinated or not, positive individuals are contracting the Delta variant and infecting others in our communities. Social distancing and masking are crucial mitigation measure to prevent the disease’s spread. Virtual board meetings allow for the participation of the community, county staff, presenters, and board members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. It is recommended that the board implement 100% remote meetings.

As a secondary alternative, the board could implement hybrid meetings (i.e., meetings that are both in-person and virtual), combined with adequate social distancing measures and masking requirements that are actively enforced, in order to minimize risk of contagion. However, as noted above, the safest path would be to implement meetings that are solely remote.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be present at the September 21, 2021, meeting to answer any questions.