MEMORANDUM

Date: August 9, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  From: C.H. Huckelberry
Pima County Board of Supervisors    County Administrator

Re: Additional Information to the COVID-19 Update for the August 10, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting

I provided an update of the status of the pandemic in Pima County of last Thursday. This is supplemental information that may be relevant to the Board’s deliberation regarding the reinstatement of your Emergency Declaration.

The Health Department produces weekly epidemiologic curves to track the evolution of the pandemic and these have been shared with you at various times. Attached please find a graphic that superimposes the dates of relevant actions taken by this Board, the State Executive and his Department of Health Services against the number of COVID-19 cases in Pima County. (Attachment) Please note that the week prior to when the Board lifted its Emergency Declaration on July 7, 2021, the number of COVID-19 cases reported in Pima County were 341. Each week subsequent to July 7, the number of cases have increased significantly to 365, 548, 709, and 829 for the last week of July. Our Health Department expects that this figure will be revised upward, and moreover the projection of cases for last week will top 1,300, A fourfold increase from when the Emergency Declaration was lifted.

Given the increased number of infections, we continue to redouble our efforts to vaccinate all willing individuals, since this is our best tool to protect the community from the full impact of the delta back-to-school surge. The Health Department continues to encourage that everyone use face coverings when in indoor public settings. It may be useful to reinstate the Board’s Emergency Declaration at this time in order to highlight these two critical actions that all Pima County residents should consider. I would recommend such.

CHH/dym

Attachment

c: Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
   Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
   Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services
   Terry Cullen, MD, MS, Public Health Director, Health Department
Pima County COVID-19 cases by MMWR Week 8/2/2021

Noting State or Board Action

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*Date of Specimen Collection
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