

Minutes
COVID-19 Response Team
Video Conferencing
Thursday, July 23, 2020
7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Tim Soular, East Range Police Department Chief; Becky Lammi, Aurora City Administrator; Jeff Jacobson, Biwabik City Administrator; Becky Burich, Hoyt Lakes City Clerk; Amanda Gross, Mesabi East School Board; Laura Ackman, Essentia Health Administrator; Jodi Knaus, Town of White Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

The COVID-19 Response Team discussed the mandatory masking order from the Governor. **The Team decided all employees will be required to wear a mask at all times, unless they are in a private office; if the employee chooses not to wear a mask, they will be sent home.**

The Team also discussed the Library request for computer appointments. Aurora will be permitted to go forward as long as everyone hand sanitized going in and out of the building. Hoyt Lakes will not be able to move forward as they do not have a separate entrance from City Hall.

Tim Soular with the East Range Police Department received a request from Mesabi East Youth Hockey regarding a fall hockey tournament. Tim also discussed other sporting events; the league is looking for permission regarding a tournament at Mesabi East School. A plan should be developed regarding if there is an infection.

Becky Burich stated the Hoyt Lakes supervisors are compiling the CARES funding. The campground is on the meeting agenda for Monday. Water Carnival is this weekend – drive in movie, parade through town, fireworks, etc. The golf tournament wasn't brought forward previously; they have implemented a protocol for infection control.

Jeff Jacobson said Biwabik received pressure regarding masks in the grocery store; the issue was solved when Miners implemented a company-wide policy and the Governor mandated masks.

Becky Lammi discussed the success of the Aurora Patriotic Days events.

Amanda Gross outlined the activities happening at Mesabi East School; they are working on plans to re-open schools in the fall. The Governor will have an announcement.

Jodi Knaus stated the Town of White is having difficulties finding election judges.

Laura Ackman said Essentia Health the doubling rate of 165 has changed to 65 days – this is not good as the infection is spreading more quickly. The mask order is in place to protect people; masks must be placed completely over the nose and mouth.

The next meeting will be TBD via Zoom. This is a closed meeting.