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### **Public Health Officer Rescinds Public Health Order 2022-001**

During the regularly scheduled Joint City-Cowley County Board of Health meeting on Tuesday, 8 March 2022, the Public Health Officer, Tom Langer, presented the most recent pandemic data. Based upon this data, the Public Health Officer recommended that Public Health Order 2022-001, issued on 18 January 2022, be rescinded. The Board of Health unanimously approved this request. As of today, Wednesday, 9 March 2022, the order is no longer in effect.

Langer spoke about his reasoning for rescinding the order, “During the first 7 days of March 2022, the contagion rate of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 fell below 1%. We have seen 22 newly reported cases in the first week of March. This decline in cases is similar to COVID’s idle time period that occurred during the spring of last year, 2021. We are hopeful that this trend will continue into the future, however, the situation can change rapidly if and when new variants arise.”

New guidance for individuals with positive COVID-19 diagnoses will be made available on the Health Department’s website.