

Situation Report Number: 2020-OERS - 03.12.20	
Incident Name: COVID-19 - MultCo Coordination	
OERS Number: 2020-0279	
EOC: Activated	Incident Commanders: Kim Toevs, Multnomah County Health Department Alice Busch, Multnomah County Emergency Management
Date: 03.12.2020	Please review the Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs or call 211 . If you can't find an answer, submit your questions to Multnomah County.
Time: 1800	>Purple text reflects new or updated information

General

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Updates

- Situation Reports will be released daily at approximately 6:00 pm.
- Regional health press conferences are now scheduled every Monday and Thursday at 2pm to provide COVID-19 updates.
- >Winter Weather NOAA Update (March 12 at 3:35pm): Colder temperatures this weekend, with sub-freezing temperatures Saturday night and Sunday night. Not expecting snow to stick to roads, regardless of any accumulations that may occur. If severe weather thresholds are met, Disaster Resource Centers will be opened.
- Multnomah County began planning to incorporate social distancing into EOC operations.
 - >Most Public Information Officers are working on a strategy to remotely support the EOC; two to three Public Information Officers would remain in the EOC to support urgent requests.
- >Dr. Present and Dr. Vines hosted a webinar with outpatient clinical providers to review new guidance from OHA and answer questions. These webinars will be held weekly.
- >Due to newly released guidance, culturally specific one page handouts, with the exception of Spanish, have been temporarily removed from the Multnomah County Noval COVID-19 Website in order to update them with current guidance.
- >Liaisons are holding weekly check-ins with stakeholders to address questions and concerns, as well as share guidance as it is released.
- >The Logistics Unit created a fillable PDF resource request form.
- >The Logistics Unit received 6 resource requests today, for a total of 36 resource requests to date. Fifteen of those resource requests were elevated to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, which were mostly for personal protective equipment (as of 5pm).

- Multnomah County submitted an inquiry to OHA/HSPR to determine if the State Pharmacist is considering authorizing early refills for Schedule 1, 2, and 3 Controlled Substance or any special considerations for refilling Schedule 4 & 5 Controlled Substances. This authorization would allow individuals to have adequate medication on hand in case they need to stay home for extended periods of time.
- The Multnomah County Office of Diversity and Equity has developed draft responses for staff and the public who witness discriminatory behavior related to COVID-19 and equity considerations for the EOC.
- Multnomah County is refining internal staff communication strategies around COVID-19.
- Multnomah County requested the activation of the pharmacy MOU with the state to provide the public with free flu vaccines via local pharmacies as a way to keep people healthy and engaged in their daily lives.
- Homeless shelter capacity is being maintained while implementing guidance to prevent transmission. A key goal is to separate the sick and the well in shared living environments.
 - The City of Portland and Multnomah County worked collaboratively to extend winter shelter capacity for the foreseeable future.
- The first series of COVID-19 informational videos in [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Russian](#), and [Chinese](#) are available at the Multnomah County COVID-19 website - click on the language name for each video series ([Español](#) - [Tiếng Việt](#) - [Русский](#) - [中文](#)). Somali, and Arabic are in draft and expected to be completed soon. These short videos (just over two minutes each) are designed to be shared on social media.
- Liaisons with subject-matter expertise have been identified to support community organizations, businesses, and agencies and will meet weekly. The liaisons are listed below and they are available to members of their respective sectors. Requests for additional sectors to be created that are not covered by the established liaisons can be sent to the Liaison Group Supervisor. The **business liaison is not yet filled and is a critically important link to our community. Please contact us if you know of someone who may be willing and able to fill this role.**

➤ Table Updated 3/12/20

LIAISON GROUP CONTACTS

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Businesses	TBD		

State and County Updates

- On March 8, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak. The state of emergency will remain in effect for 60 days, but could be extended if necessary.
- >On March 11, Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury [declared a state of emergency for Multnomah County, Oregon](#) in response to the spread of COVID-19.
- >On March 12, Erik Kvarsten, City Manager of Gresham declared a state of emergency in Gresham, Oregon in response to the spreading COVID-19 virus.
- >On March 12, Mayor Ted Wheeler [declared a state of emergency in Portland, Oregon](#) in response to the spreading COVID-19 virus.
- >On March 11, the State of Oregon announced two presumptive cases yesterday - located in a Linn County Long-term Care Facility. An Infection Control and Specimen Collection Strike Team will deploy to Linn County. The team will assess and work with the facility to assess infection control. Read full article [here](#).
- >Clinician Alert: [Interim guidance updated March 11 for COVID-19 in Oregon](#)
- >On March 11, Governor Kate Brown announced urgent new rules to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon. Strategies include:

- Large gatherings: All gatherings of more than 250 people must be canceled statewide, effective immediately, for four weeks, until April 8. A gathering is defined as any event in a space in which appropriate social distancing of at least three feet cannot be maintained.
- Schools: Strengthening state guidance issued earlier this week, Brown said all non-essential school-associated gatherings and group activities should be canceled. Those include group parent meetings, field trips and sporting events.
- Workplace: Recommended distancing measures include increased physical space between employees in offices and worksites, limited in-person meetings, limited travel, and staggered work schedules where possible.
- Long-Term Care and Assisted Living: Strict limitations remain in place. Those include mandatory screenings, limits on community outings, and restrictions on staff and visitors.
- ➤ On March 12, 2020 Oregon Health Authority releases Guidance for Large Events and Public Gatherings:
 - [Requirements and Recommendations for Large Events and Public Gatherings](#)
 - [Oregon Guidance for Employers on COVID-19](#)
 - [Recommendations for Events Hosting Vulnerable Populations](#)
 - [Guidance for Community and Faith-based Organizations](#)
 - [Public Health Recommendations for Response to COVID-19 Cases in Oregon Schools](#)
- ➤ On March 12, the Oregon School Activities Association announced all remaining winter sports high school championships have been canceled. [Read full article.](#)
- ➤ On March 12, The University of Portland and Willamette University plan to shift more than 6,000 students to online-only classes, suspending all in-person class instruction. [Read full article.](#)
- ➤ On March 12, Pacific Power announced it is temporarily suspending disconnections and late fees for non-payment for customers in Oregon.
- ➤ PBOT revokes permits for special events and community events through April 12. [Read full article.](#)
- In consultation with the Oregon Health Authority and under the authority of Executive Order 20-03, OREGON AGING AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (APD) has [adopted a strict visitor restriction policy](#) for licensed Nursing Facilities(NF),Residential CareFacilities (RCF),and Assisted Living Facilities (ALF). Visitors are restricted to essential individuals, which has been defined to include:
 - Staff employed by facility;
 - Outside medical personnel;
 - Vendors;
 - Adult Protective Services staff;
 - Licensing/ Survey staff;
 - Long Term Care Ombudsman and Deputies (not volunteers);
 - Friends or family members visiting during end-of-life stages;and
 - Friends or family who are essential for the individual’s emotional well-being and care(limited to two per resident).

- The OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES has identified an oversight team to review all nursing, assisted living and residential care communities statewide, including those providing memory care, beginning today. The assessment will focus on pandemic response planning and infection control procedures.

Situational News Outside Oregon

- On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic.
- > On March 11, 2020 the United States announced a travel ban on 26 European countries to the United States for the next 30 days in a bid to combat the spread of the coronavirus. The UK, Ireland and other non-Schengen countries are unaffected. US citizens are also exempt. Returning travelers will be screened prior to entering the US and asked to self-quarantine for 14 days. [Read full article here.](#)
- On March 12, State of Washington Governor Inslee ordered all private, public K-12 schools in King, Pierce, Snohomish counties to close through April 24 due to coronavirus concerns. [Read full article.](#)
- On March 12, Disney is closing Disneyland and California Adventure, its theme parks in Anaheim, California, because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Emergency Support Function 8: Health & Medical

- This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is on-going.
- The Oregon Health Authority has changed the personal protective equipment recommendation for COVID-19 testing. Once testing is offered by commercial labs, standard outpatient and hospital facilities should be able to perform testing without specialized equipment.
- Communicable Disease Team continues to follow-up with cases and monitor their contacts.

Epidemiology Updates

> [Global Cases* \(click here for source: World Health Organization Situation Report 52 - 3/12/20\)](#)

- > 125,048 confirmed cases (6729 new in the last 24 hours at time of report) and 4,613 confirmed deaths (321 new) worldwide.
 - There are confirmed cases in 117 countries, territories, and areas (4 new). Areas with their first reported case in the last 24 hours are French Polynesia, Turkey, Honduras, and Côte d'Ivoire.

> [United States \(as of 3/12 1:32 PM, click here for source\)](#)

- > Total United States cases: 1,323
- > Total United States deaths: 38

> [Situation in Oregon \(click here for source\)](#)

Test Results for Persons Under Investigation (PUI)*

As of 3/12/2020, 10:00 AM

Positive	24 [‡]
Negative	317
Pending	96
Total PUI (Cumulative since January 24, 2020)	437

*A PUI is an individual with COVID-19 symptoms—but not necessarily the virus—who may have been exposed through close contact with a confirmed case or travel to an affected region, or who has pneumonia, thought by the clinician to be viral, requiring hospitalization with no more likely diagnosis and no source of exposure has been identified.

[‡] 2 confirmed by the CDC (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)*

As of 3/12/2020, 10:00 AM

Currently under monitoring	252
PUM who have completed monitoring without developing symptoms or were determined to have no risk	328
Total PUM (Cumulative since January 24, 2020)	580

*A PUM is an individual who does not have COVID-19 symptoms but who may have been exposed to COVID-19 through close contact with a confirmed case.

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Demographic Information for Positive Cases

County	Number of cases	Percent
Clackamas	1	4.2%
Deschutes	1	4.2%
Douglas	1	4.2%
Jackson	2	8.3%
Klamath	1	4.2%
Linn	2	8.3%
Marion	2	8.3%
Multnomah	1	4.2%
Polk	1	4.2%
Umatilla	2	8.3%
Washington	10	41.6%
Total	24	100%

Age group	Number of cases	Percent
17 or younger	1	4.2%
18 to 24	1	4.2%
25 to 34	0	0.0%
35 to 54	7	29.1%
55+	15	62.5%
Total	24	100%

Hospitalized*	Number of cases	Percent
Yes	11	45.8%
No	13	54.2%
Total	24	100%

*Hospitalized at time of presumptive positive test result

International travel	Number of cases	Percent
Yes	3	12.5%
No	21	87.5%
Total	24	100%

Emergency Support Function 14: Public Information

For media inquiries related to COVID-19 please contact: Kate Willson, Public Information Media Coordinator: 503-410-4524

Social Media Posts

- [Multnomah County Facebook](#)
- [Multnomah County Twitter](#)
- [Multnomah County Health Department Facebook](#)
- [Multnomah County Health Department Twitter](#)
- [Multnomah County Emergency Management Facebook](#)
- [Multnomah County Emergency Management Twitter](#)

Social Media Analytics (Updated on Tuesdays)

- There were 14 COVID-19 Facebook posts between March 2 and March 7, reaching 16,618 people.
- There were 13 COVID-19 Tweets between March 2 and March 8, with 47,545 impressions, 1,096 engagements, 53 re-tweets, and 121 likes.

Resources:

- [Main Multnomah County website for COVID-19](#): Public-facing website containing FAQs, situation reports, poster links, and more resources.
 - [Multnomah County Coronavirus FAQs](#): Read FAQs related to COVID-19 topics, such as general health, traveler health, provider health, and animal health.
 - [Novel Coronavirus Questions Submittal Form](#): Still have a question about this virus? Ask our health experts through this online form.
 - [Public Health Alerts](#): Read current and past public health alerts.
- [Oregon Health Authority Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication](#): COVID-19 fact sheets, flyers, and templates in multiple languages.
- [Oregon Health Authority Novel Coronavirus Updates \(COVID-19\)](#): Latest updates, case reports and additional resources including informational videos
- [CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information](#): Information for specific audiences, situation reports, and information about COVID-19.
- [WHO Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information](#): Information about protecting yourself, Q&A's, travel advice, situation reports, technical guidance, and global research.
- [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Global Map](#): John Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering map of the global outbreak (updated daily).
- [OEM Oregon Coronavirus Map](#): Oregon Office of Emergency Management's web map of Coronavirus cases in Oregon. Data and information in this dashboard updates every 5 minutes.
- [COVID-19 GIS Hub](#): A catalog of GIS applications and data related to COVID-19.

- [Oregon Live Coronavirus at a glance](#): The latest numbers, maps and headlines from the Oregonian.
- [Tri-Met Updates](#): Tri-Met is maintaining a web page with COVID-19 updates.
- [Portland State University Updates](#): Page updating Portland State University’s response to and plans for COVID-19.
- [Port of Portland Updates](#): The Port of Portland is maintaining a web page with information about their response to COVID-19.

Partner Updates

Partner departments, divisions, and any activated Branch/Group/Unit/Section **please submit updates/actions taken related to COVID-19 by 2:00pm**. Information submitted will be included in that afternoon’s Multnomah County COVID-19 Situation Report.

- ➤ The CITY OF PORTLAND’s Homeless and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program has placed 8 portable toilets with interior handwashing stations throughout the City and seven standalone handwashing stations with water and soap. Six more were placed today (3/12) with an additional two on backorder. There is an online interactive map showing hygiene station locations that can be found here: <http://bit.ly/portlandresponse>. This map will be updated as more stations become available.
- FEMA activated the National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) on March 4. The NBEOC is a two-way clearinghouse for public-sector and private-sector stakeholders to exchange information during an incident. The NBEOC has [an active dashboard](#) with resources and meeting links.

To submit updates/actions, email the Multnomah County EOC Situation Unit (eoc.situationunit@multco.us) with the subject line: *Partner Update for COVID-19 Situation Report*.

Activated EOCs/ICPs

<i>Operations Center</i>	<i>Status of Activation</i>
Oregon Health Authority	Enhanced
Oregon Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ECC open Monday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm, virtually on weekends. ● Emergency Support Function #14 – Cross Sector Business & Infrastructure
City of Portland	Partial
Clackamas County	Full
Metro	Partial
Washington County	Partial - Open 7 days a week 8:00am-5:00pm
Clark County	Partial

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Columbia County	Monitoring
Yamhill County	DOC
Bonneville Power Administration, Pacific Power, Portland General Electric, NW Natural	Incident Management Teams
US Army Corps of Engineers	Crisis Action Team
FEMA National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC)	Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Activated Call Centers

<i>Call Center</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Hours</i>
COVID-19 Communicable Disease Health Care Provider Hotline	503-988-3406	24/7
Mental Health Call Center	503-988-4888	24/7
211	211	7 days a week 8am-11pm

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