

Situation Report Number: 2020-OERS - 03.14.20	
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: 03.14.2020	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	Situation Reports will be released daily at approximately 6:00 pm. > Purple text reflects new or updated information
General	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regional health press conferences are now scheduled every Monday and Thursday at 2pm to provide COVID-19 updates. ● Liaisons hold weekly check-ins with stakeholders to address questions and concerns, as well as share guidance as it is released. ● Dr. Present and Dr. Vines are hosting weekly webinars for outpatient clinical providers to review new guidance from OHA and answer questions. ● The EOC is guided by the equity considerations created by the Multnomah County Office of Diversity and Equity. ● The City of Portland and Multnomah County worked collaboratively to extend winter shelter locations for the foreseeable future to assist in maintaining homeless shelter capacity. Regular meetings are held to assist providers in implementing guidance to prevent transmission. A key goal is to separate the sick and the well in shared living environments. 	
Updates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● >Multnomah County suffered its first death from COVID-19 today. The 70-year old patient had been announced as testing positive four days ago and passed away at the Portland Veteran's Affairs Medical Center. "This loss has motivated us to continue our efforts to minimize the impact of this virus on our community." - Dr. Jennifer Vines, Multnomah County Health Officer. ● >Winter Weather Update - The National Weather Service cancelled their Winter Weather Advisory 9:09am today as warming temperatures melted snow accumulations. Overnight lows are predicted to drop to around 30 degrees and emergency winter shelters will remain open. Donation of cold weather clothing and other items can help save lives. If you would like to 	

make a donation, please visit this website to see what items are needed:

<https://www.211info.org/donations>

- >Multnomah County Health and the COVID-19 Emergency Response Team held a webinar today for Faith-Based Organizations. The webinar was designed to help these organizations apply current health guidance to their worship and religious services as well as staff and volunteers. Approximately 200 people called into the webinar, which was hosted by Faith Based Community Liaison Pilar Montejo, Clackamas County Fire Chaplain Kenton Johnson, and Kim Toevs, a COVID-19 Response Incident Commander.
- >The Logistics Unit organized the delivery of shelter supplies, including towels and food, to emergency winter shelters continuing operations tonight. Multnomah County also assisted partners in staffing the shelters with volunteers.
- >Yesterday, Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury, Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Vines, Library Director Vailey Oehlke, and Sheriff Mike Reese briefed the news media and public on local updates including that all Multnomah County Libraries will be closed starting at 6:00 pm, until further notice. A review of the press conference is available [here](#), and the press release regarding the library closure can be read [here](#). The library asks that people not return materials while the facilities are closed. There will be no fines, holds will be maintained, and online resources will remain available.
- The first series of COVID-19 informational videos in [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Russian](#), [Chinese](#), >and [Arabic](#) are available at the Multnomah County COVID-19 website - click on the language name for each video series ([Español](#) - [Tiếng Việt](#) - [Русский](#) - [中文](#) - [العربية](#)). The County is hoping to add a Somali-language series in the near future. Each language has three short videos (just over two minutes each) which are designed to be shared on social media.
- >Hand-washing guidance in [Tongan](#) and [Chuukese](#) is now available on the website.
- >Multnomah County and the newly established Joint Information Center at the City of Portland will hold weekday calls beginning on Monday to ensure efficient and consistent health and safety messaging.
- >The Logistics Unit received three resource requests today, for a total of 49 requests received. A large number of requests continue to be for orders of personal protective equipment from the State of Oregon for regional health-care providers.
- >Updated guidance is being drafted for the website to help people know what to do when they are sick and when to seek medical help.
- 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 released 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](#)
- ➤ Today, the State of Oregon announced six new presumptive cases of COVID-19. None of the new cases are located in Multnomah County, but three new cases were announced in Washington County.

Social Media Analytics (Updated on Tuesdays)

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

Liaisons with subject-matter expertise have been identified to support community organizations, businesses, and agencies and are meeting weekly. Liaisons are listed below and 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. Sectors with no liaison named are not yet filled. If you are interested in serving as a liaison, please contact the Liaison Group Supervisor. Please note that the cost for non-county staff interested and able to fill vacant roles will be the responsibility of their organization.

Please refer to the most recent Situation Report for our current liaison contact information.

Situational News Outside Oregon

- ➤ On March 13, President Trump declared a national emergency, invoking the Stafford Act to coordinate Federal response and unlock additional aid.
- ➤ Today, Spain announced a nationwide closing of all businesses, except for pharmacies and those selling 'essential supplies' for 15 days. France announced the closing of all 'non-indispensable' businesses at midnight tonight.

- 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 54 - 3/14/20](#))

- > 142,539 confirmed cases (9,769 new in the last 24 hours at time of report) and 5,393 confirmed deaths (438 new) worldwide.
 - There are confirmed cases in 136 countries, territories, and areas (13 new).

> [United States \(as of 3/14 7:33 PM, click here for source\)](#)

- > Total United States cases: 2,951
- > Total United States deaths: 57

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

Test Results for Persons Under Investigation (PUI)*

As of 3/14/2020, 11:00 AM

Positive	36 [‡]
Negative	420
Pending	225
Total PUI (Cumulative since January 24, 2020)	681

*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 3/14/2020, 11:00 AM

Currently under monitoring	333
PUM who have completed monitoring without developing symptoms or were determined to have no risk	364
Total PUM (Cumulative since January 24, 2020)	697

*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	2.8%
Deschutes	3	8.3%
Douglas	1	2.8%
Jackson	2	5.6%
Klamath	1	2.8%
Linn	9	25%
Marion	2	5.6%
Multnomah	1	2.8%
Polk	1	2.8%
Umatilla	2	5.6%
Washington	13	36.1%
Total	36	100%

Age group	Number of cases	Percent
17 or younger	1	2.8%
18 to 24	2	5.6%
25 to 34	1	2.8%
35 to 54	9	25%
55+	23	63.9%
Total	36	100%

Hospitalized*	Number of cases	Percent
Yes	13	36.1%
No	23	63.9%
Total	36	100%

**Hospitalized at time of presumptive positive test result*

International travel	Number of cases	Percent
Yes	4	11.1%
No	32	88.9%
Total	36	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 Sites

- [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](#)

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.
- [Portland Emergency Hygiene Stations Map](#): The Portland Homeless and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program has placed portable toilets with interior handwashing stations and standalone handwashing stations with water and soap around the city. The interactive map shows hygiene station locations and will be updated as new locations are added.
- [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.
- [Greater Portland Inc.](#): Greater Portland is maintaining a page of resources for Portland-area businesses impacted by COVID-19.

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- FEMA National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) Dashboard: A two-way clearinghouse for public-sector and private-sector stakeholders to exchange information during an incident.

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.

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*.

Declarations of Emergency

State of Oregon, March 8 (in effect for 60 days, could be extended if necessary)

Multnomah County, March 11 (declaration [executive rule #388](#))

City of Portland, March 12 ([declaration](#))

City of Gresham, March 12

➤ [City of Wood Village, March 13](#)

Activated EOCs/ICPs

<i>Operations Center</i>	<i>Status of Activation</i>
Oregon Health Authority	Enhanced
Oregon Emergency Management	• ECC is open Monday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm, virtually on weekends
City of Portland	Partial
Clackamas County	Full
Metro	Partial
Washington County	Partial - Open 7 days a week 8:00am-5:00pm
Clark County	Partial
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

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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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