

Situation Report

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UPDATES & ALERTS

Media and Announcements

County

- Multnomah County Board of Commissioners voted on April 16, 2020, to [renew and update its temporary stop to evictions](#) to align with the state's.
- On April 14, Multnomah County hosted a Virtual Town Hall with Commissioner Hardesty. [See Facebook page](#).
- [Multnomah County cautions about air pollution](#)'s impact on persons with COVID-19
- On April 14, Portland Fire & Rescue and Multnomah County Aging, Disability and Veterans Services launched a [Meds on Wheels program](#). The program picks up life-sustaining medications and delivers them to community members 65 and older and people with disabilities for whom leaving the house poses a risk to health. Referral line: 971-288-7687.
- [CLINICIAN ALERT from Dr Vines: Adding Black, Indigenous and People of Color](#) to the priority population list for COVID19 testing.
- Multnomah County Public Health requests Portland Water Bureau turn on downtown bubblers in response to warming temperatures and inadequate alternative water sources.

City of Portland

- On April 16, the City of Portland, JOIN and other partners opened the first of three temporary Outdoor Emergency Shelters. Intention is to provide necessary water and other supplies for hygiene as well as careful lay-out for physical distancing. Each location has 45 tents (provided by the City to ensure they are safe and hygienic) on platforms with cots and people will be able to store their belongings, including their own tents and sleeping bags, while staying at the camp. Two shelters are located at SE Main St. and SE Water Ave. and one is located at NW Broadway and NW Hoyt St. [Read more effort here](#).
- Prosper Portland awarded 235 recipients with Small Business Relief Fund Grants. It received 8,800 eligible applicants. Fifty-two percent of the awards were made to women of color. More demographic data is available by visiting the [Prosper Portland](#) dashboard.

- Portland Bureau of Emergency Management published a [poster for use in grocery stores](#) to help customers adopt basic precautions.

State

- [Governor Brown announced](#) that Oregon will eventually waive waiting week for jobless claims.
- On April 14, Governor Brown laid out a [framework](#) for lifting stay-at-home orders after case growth declines, protective equipment for health workers is sufficient, hospital, testing, and tracing capacity increases, and strategies for protecting vulnerable populations are in place.
- On April 13, Oregon's, Washington's, and California's governors [announced a shared vision](#) for reopening the economy, guided by health outcomes and science.
- [Oregon OSHA will begin conducting spot-checks](#) to confirm businesses are complying with requirements including closure to the public.
- PeaceHealth's four Oregon hospitals have implemented rapid COVID-19 testing for people needing hospitalization, but not showing signs. McKenzie Willamette Hospital to follow next week. [Nasal Swab Testing](#)

National

- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) payments to individuals have begun to be issued. Most individuals who receive social security benefits, filed 2018 or 2019 federal income taxes, or receive Railroad Retirement benefits will automatically receive payments without taking additional steps. The IRS launched a [new platform](#) for more information, including for people who do not normally file taxes.
- On April 16, the White House released the [Opening Up America Approach](#).
- FEMA's private sector [PPE Exchange Dashboard](#) is now live to connect private sector sellers of PPE with private sector buyers. Users enter their own information and update as needed.
- [CDC released some COVID-19 race and ethnicity data](#)

Public Service Updates

- Beginning April 20, [Trimet LIFT-eligible customers can get orders from grocery stores and food banks](#) delivered to their front door by LIFT.
- **School Meals** - Most Multnomah County school districts are providing grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches throughout school closures. Following are links to the school districts:
 - [Corbett](#)
 - [Centennial](#)
 - [David Douglas](#)
 - [Gresham-Barlow](#)
 - [Parkrose](#)
 - [Portland Public Schools](#)
 - [Reynolds](#)
- [Multnomah County Student Health Centers](#) - Parkrose Student Health Center is open during school closures. Other Multnomah County Student Health Centers are closed
- On April 16, Portland Parks & Recreation announced that it has [cancelled](#) all outdoor movies and concerts this summer.

Clinician Alerts from Multnomah County Health Officer

See [Updated guidance issued April 16 for SARS-CoV-2 infection, COVID-19](#) for more information.

PPE

- Supply chains continue to be unreliable; most if not all health systems are using scarce resource allocation models.
- Oregon Health Authority has posted updated guidance on [conservation and reuse strategies](#)

Testing

- Several commercial labs and most hospital systems are testing for SARS-CoV-2, with variable turnaround times.
- Testing at the Oregon State Public Health Lab (OSPHL) remains limited to priority individuals and situations.
- As testing capacity increases and no longer needs to be restricted to hospitalized patients, please consider this prioritization scheme:
 - Symptomatic individuals who live or work in high risk settings such as health care, skilled nursing facilities, assisted-living facilities, or correctional settings.
 - **Positive tests in these groups are high priority for public health follow up.**
 - Symptomatic individuals who are continuing to work as essential employees including but not limited to: utilities, food supply, transit, and deliveries.
 - **Positive tests in these groups can inform contact follow up to limit spread in these settings.**
 - Symptomatic individuals who identify as African-American, Black, Latinx, or Native American
 - **Early data shows these communities are at particularly high risk of infection and severe complications of COVID-19.**
 - Lab confirmed cases in this group should be candidates for close follow up and additional education about [avoiding spread in their households](#).
 - Public Health does not recommend testing asymptomatic individuals at this time in the setting of routine clinical care.

Regional Public Health Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (PH MACG) Recent Decision/Recommendations

Clackamas, Clark, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties

- The PH MACG is committed to regional coordination of local planning as the statewide plan unfolds.
- The PH MACG clarified role separate from Oregon Dept of Agriculture for grocery store and patron guidance. PH MACG agreed that public health may continue advising grocery stores and their patrons on public health recommendations including hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection, strategies for ensuring physical distancing and face coverings as an additional but voluntary measure.
- The PH MACG agreed that as temperatures increase, access to water is essential for all. PH MACG recommends keeping outdoor drinking fountains on and available for public use and that they be cleaned according to usual protocols, or more as possible.

STANDING REPORTS

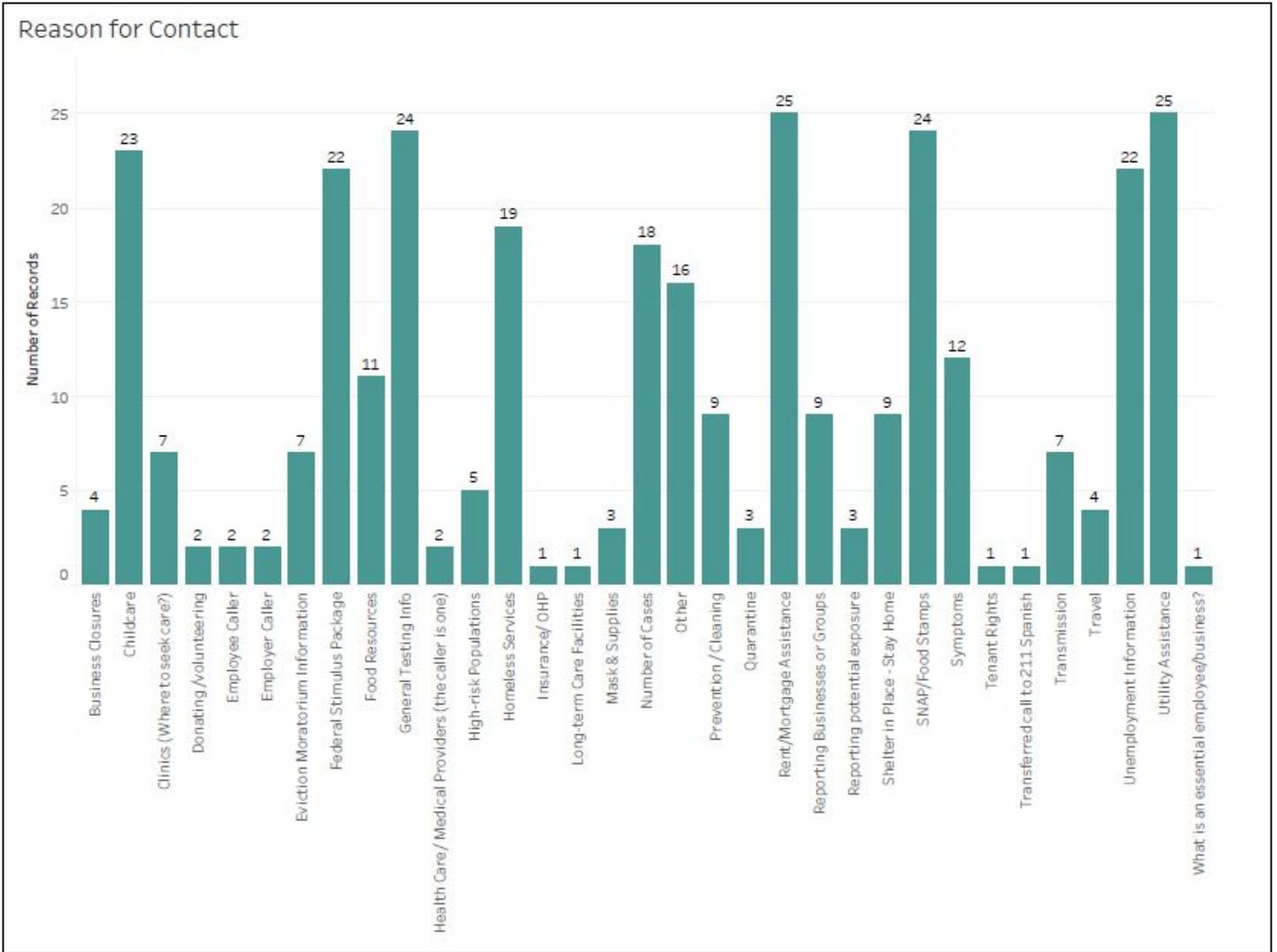
Epidemiology Updates

This is a dynamic situation. Information and case counts are changing rapidly and the incident is ongoing. See the [Regional COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) for more local detail.

- **Multnomah County** :: 4/17/2020; 8:00 am ([click here for source](#))
 - Total cases: 467 (19 new)
 - Total deaths: 28 (2 new)
- **Oregon** :: 4/17/2020; 8:00 am ([click here for source](#))
 - Total cases: 1,785 (49 new)
 - Total deaths: 70 (6 new)
- **United States** :: 4/17/2020; 2:38 pm ([click here for source](#))
 - Total cases: 692,169 (24,944 new)
 - Total deaths: 36,721 (3,853 new)
- **Global** :: 4/17/2020; 2:38 pm ([click here for source](#))
 - Total cases: 2,224,426 (73,227 new)
 - Total deaths: 153,177 (9,452 new)

211 Calls

- Childcare, federal stimulus package, food resources, and rent/mortgage assistance continue to be top reasons for calls.
- Calls about unemployment information and utility assistance rose from the previous day.

For April 16, 2020


Health System Capacity and Medical Supplies

Hospital capacity

Hospital Capacity and Usage in Oregon as reported to HOSCAP*					
Overall Capacity	Available	Total	COVID-19 Details	Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19	Only Patients with Confirmed COVID-19
Adult ICU beds	274	818	Current hospitalized patients	301	125
Adult non-ICU beds	2,012	7,269	Current patients in ICU Beds	69	43
Pediatric NICU/PICU beds	99	251	Current patients on ventilators	41	28
Pediatric non-ICU beds	153	347			
Ventilators	800				

*Every hospital in Oregon is asked to submit data twice daily to Oregon's Hospital Capacity Web System (HOSCAP). Hospital staff are asked to enter bed capacity information, by type, as well as the number of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 illness who are currently hospitalized at the time of data entry. These data may conflict with hospitalization status in Orpheus due to case reporting and investigation lags and temporary discrepancies in case classification.

Long Term Care Facilities

- [Facilities Reporting Cases of COVID-19 - Residents and Staff](#) - April 17, 2020
- [Facilities Reporting Tests Pending for COVID-19 - Residents and Staff](#) - April 17, 2020
- On April 11 the Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority launched a multi-agency support team to assess the needs of long-term care facilities experiencing increased COVID-19 cases and help them access resources to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to residents and staff. Multnomah County Public Health initiates outbreak investigations, and coordinates with OHA and DHS. [Press release](#)

Supplies Requested from Multnomah County

Resource Request Totals		
Tab Title	Total In	%
Allocated	45	13%
Ordered	11	3%
Closed	283	82%
Continual	6	2%

Total	345	
Type of Request	Total #	%
PPE	197	57%
Shelter	65	19%
EOC	40	12%
County	21	6%
Non-PPE External	11	3%
Total	345	

SECTION UPDATES

SECTION	SECTION LEADERS	IMPACTS & ACTIONS
Logistics	Robert Quinn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See supply request summary above
Operations	Dawn Cook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Social Distancing Shelter (SDS) - (with total capacity): 4/(390) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actual use rate (heads in beds): 221 #Medical Motels (with total capacity): 2/(120)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present use: 31
Public Information	Heather Heater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued development on our ASL COVID19 information page Continued social and news media monitoring in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Chinese Media themes and trends of interest to public information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of care for Latinx communities Domestic, intimate partner and child abuse rates/reporting Immigrants deported from US detention to Guatemala test positive for COVID19 COVID19 outbreaks in ICE detention COVID19 risks for people who are incarcerated Multnomah County adopts governor's eviction moratorium Millions of essential workers are being left out of COVID-19 workplace safety precautions, thanks to OSHA Right-wing protesters are planning "reopen America" rallies at state capitols in Oregon and Washington Despite federal ban, landlords are still moving to evict people during the pandemic 'The most stressful time ever': how coronavirus affects children's mental health

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ US using coronavirus pandemic to unlawfully expel asylum seekers, says UN
<p>Community Liaisons</p>	<p>Molly Franks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To promote equitable access to information, on April 13, Multnomah County Emergency Operations Center Public Information and Liaison Teams partnered to provide a press conference in Spanish. ● Beginning April 20, Trimet LIFT-eligible customers can get orders from grocery stores and food banks delivered to their front door by LIFT. ● Last week the Gresham FD, Portland FD and Airport FD successfully conducted Medical Care Point Drills to practice for overflow scenarios at local hospitals. ● Affordable Housing Liaisons are hosting their next affordable housing conference call on Monday, April 20th from 10-11 am. These conference calls will be held every other week to provide updates and address questions from our housing partners. <p>Learning Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CERC Corner: Addressing Stigma: Stigma occurs when people associate a risk with something specific—like a minority population group. Click the link above to learn how to counter stigma in an emergency. ● Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health During an Infectious Disease Outbreak: This fact sheet by SAMHSA explains social distancing, quarantine, and isolation in the event of an infectious disease outbreak. ● OpenWHO Offers Free Online Courses for Responders: OpenWHO is the World Health Organization’s (WHO) interactive, web-based platform offering online courses to improve the response to health emergencies. ● Webinar on Thursday, April 23, 4:00-5:00 pm: Facing Death and Life All Together: COVID-19 Impacting Burials, Funeral and Grieving Practices. Hosted by the Faith-Based/Community Organizations Liaison. ● Webinar on April 21 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm: Discussion with LGBTQ+ community leaders, housing and other service providers to learn from one another <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ what LGBTQ+ community members are experiencing ○ what LGBTQ-specific organizations and resources are available locally and nationally ○ where we see gaps in what’s available for LGBTQ+ community members ○ where we could better collaborate or align existing resources ○ how we might wish to continue to strengthen collaboration <p>See below for full Liaison Team contact information.</p>

COMMUNITY LIAISON TEAM

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. If you are interested in serving as a liaison, please contact the Liaison Unit Leader. Please note that the cost for non-county staff interested and able to fill vacant roles will be the responsibility of their organization.

The liaison unit comprises 23 sector liaisons. These liaisons support community members by providing education and resources. They also listen to their members and elevate creative ideas and any questions to the EOC. Over 2,463 people participate in the liaison program and help spread accurate information throughout our community and beyond.

Regularly Scheduled Liaison Calls:

- Liaison Sector Leaders have a meeting to share updates related to the EOC, public information, and activities **every Tuesday at 9am**.
- Parks Liaison holds a meeting with other parks jurisdictions in the county to share news and gather questions or themes from the group **every Tuesday at 1pm**.
- Business Liaisons participate on the FEMA Regional Grocer calls **every Wednesday 11-12pm**.
- Culturally Specific Communities Liaisons hold a Communities of Color call **every Thursday 2-3pm**.
- School & Childcare Liaison holds calls with public K-12 schools **daily at 1pm**.
- School & Childcare Liaison holds calls with private K-12 schools **Wednesdays at 11am**.
- School & Childcare Liaison communicates with child care providers through email **daily**.

LIAISON GROUP CONTACTS See contact list without names [here](#)

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Food Access	Danielle Jediny-Racies	foodaccess.covid19@multco.us	503-988-8942

ACTIVATED CALL CENTERS

Call Center	Phone Number	Email	Hours
211 Call Center	211	help@211info.org	7 days a week 8am-11pm
Mental Health Call Center	503-988-4888 Toll-free: 800-716-9769 Hearing-impaired dial: 711		24/7
Aging & Disabilities Resource Connection	503-988-3646	adrc@multco.us	24-hour information and assistance to seniors (older people), people with disabilities, and caregivers
City County Information and Referral	503-823-4000		M-F 8am - 5pm

STAY INFORMED, GET INVOLVED

COVID-19 Response

- **Local response:** The [County COVID-19 website](#) continues to be updated, including an [interactive data dashboard](#) with COVID-19 regional health statistics updated in real-time.
- **State response:** [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 website](#)
- **National response:** [CDC website](#)

Media

For media inquiries related to COVID-19 please contact Julie Sullivan-Springhetti, Public Information Media Coordinator: 503-502-2741

- Check out our [list](#) of trustworthy resources for current national and regional COVID-19 information.
- Multnomah County Public Information Officers Group is working to improve COVID-19 culturally-specific communications strategies to ensure that public information and crisis

communications are addressing the needs of culturally-specific communities and racial and ethnic groups most at risk for COVID-related morbidity and mortality.

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](#)
- Multnomah County Library Facebook in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Volunteers and Donations

- Multnomah County and the City of Portland have launched the Joint Venture Information Center (JVIC) to coordinate volunteers and donations to support the COVID-19 emergency response.
- We are accepting [volunteer interest forms](#) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) donations.
- [Learn more online](#) or call 503-406-3696 to volunteer, donate supplies and services, or for more information.

Resource Requests

- For resource requests, please use the instructions on this [webpage](#). The page has the form and guidance as to where specific types of requests should be directed.
- Resource requests are for agencies, organizations, and businesses engaged in response or impacted by COVID-19--not for individuals.

Contact

- To submit updates/actions to this report, email the Multnomah County EOC Situation Unit (eoc.situationunit@multco.us) with the subject line: Update for COVID-19 Situation Report.
- If you have a question, please review the Multnomah County COVID-19 FAQs or call 211. If you can't find an answer, submit your questions to Multnomah County through [this form](#).

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