

Situation Report Number: 2020-OERS - 03.15.20	
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: 03.15.2020	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

- **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

- >Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury issued a [statement](#) regarding yesterday's death of a veteran in Multnomah County.
- >The CDC updated its guidance on mass gatherings to recommend events of 50 or more scheduled in the next 8 weeks be canceled or postponed.
- >Today, the State of Oregon announced three new presumptive cases of COVID-19, one each in Deschutes, Linn and Yamhill counties.
- >Multnomah County and the newly established Joint Information Center at the City of Portland will hold weekday calls beginning on Monday, March 16th, 2020 to ensure efficient and consistent health and safety messaging.

- > 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.
- > [Messaging](#) was posted regarding public charge.
- > Messaging about best practices and ways to slow the spread of COVID-19 was shared with faith leaders.
- > Mt. Bachelor, Mt Hood Meadows and Timberline will close ski operations effective 4pm Sunday, March 15 through Monday, March 23.
- > PBOT, OHSU will limit Portland Aerial Tram capacity and restrict to essential travel beginning Monday, March 16th through Sunday, March 22nd. The capacity will be reduced by ~75%. There will be shuttle buses available.
- Friday 3/13/20, All Multnomah County Libraries will be closed starting at 6:00 pm, until further notice. 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.

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.

> Table Updated 3/15/20

LIAISON GROUP CONTACTS

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	Ryan Linskey		
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Business	TBD		
Utilities	TBD		
Pharmacies	TBD		

Situational News Outside Oregon

- [> Nike](#) announced in a press release it is closing stores in the United States, Canada, Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand beginning Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th.

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 55 - 3/15/20](#))

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- >153,517 confirmed cases (10,982 new in the last 24 hours at time of report) and 5735 confirmed deaths (343 new) worldwide.
 - There are confirmed cases in 143 countries, territories, and areas (9 new).

>[United States \(as of 3/15 5:56 PM, click here for source\)](#)

- >Total United States cases: 3,499
- >Total United States deaths: 63

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

Beginning March 15, 2020, the Oregon Health Authority is updating the way we report COVID-19 cases in Oregon. Results from the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory no longer require confirmation through CDC. Because testing has expanded to include commercial laboratories, we are receiving results from multiple sources throughout the day. Also, OHA no longer receives detailed information about specific symptoms and severity of all people being tested for COVID-19 infection.

In an effort to get the most accurate and most current information to Oregonians, we will update statewide cases once a day.

Our updates on cases will include:

- Cases from the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory.
- Cases from commercial and out-of-state labs.
- Because confirmation from CDC is no longer required, we will simply report total number of cases and will remove earlier information about CDC confirmatory testing.
- Because reporting about travel and nature of illness isn't available for cases reported from commercial labs, we are removing hospitalization status and information about travel to a country where COVID-19 is circulating.
- We will continue to track and report COVID-19 deaths.

Test Results for Persons Under Investigation (PUI)*	
<i>As of 3/15/2020, 12:00 PM</i>	
Cases	39
Negative	579
Pending	182
Total PUI <i>(Cumulative since January 24, 2020)</i>	800
*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.	

Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)*	
<i>As of 3/15/2020, 12:00 PM</i>	
Currently under monitoring	355
PUM who have completed monitoring without developing symptoms or were determined to have no risk	366
Total PUM <i>(Cumulative since January 24, 2020)</i>	721
*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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County	Number of cases	Deaths
Clackamas	1	0
Deschutes	4	0
Douglas	1	0
Jackson	2	0
Klamath	1	0
Linn	10	0
Marion	2	0
Multnomah	1	1
Polk	1	0
Umatilla	2	0
Washington	13	0
Yamhill	1	0
Total	39	1

Age group	Number of cases
17 or younger	1
18 to 24	3
25 to 34	1
35 to 54	10
55+	24
Total	39

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.
- TriMet Updates: TriMet 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.
- 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)

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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	
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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