

# City of Oregon

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The health, safety and wellbeing of our community is our primary mission so I want to share with you some updates. Watching everyone work together within the guidelines required by the state exemplifies why Oregon is unique and a great place to live.

To address Covid-19 city issues we formed an action team 11 days ago. The team consists of myself, the Coordinator of our city Emergency Management Agency Chief DeHaan, all department heads, Liz Vos chamber Director, Finance Commissioner Terry Schuster and Public Health Commissioner Kurt Wilson. We have open lines of communication to Schools, Parks, Fire and County Health as needed.

A lot of the work is behind the scenes but you may have noticed the list of food service locations that deliver or have carry-out posted on the Chamber page or city website. We also established food pick up parking spots downtown. Please continue to support our local businesses.

We have entered a new level of containment with the Governor's stay at home order. Here are some updates currently in effect until April 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Essential city services will be maintained.
- All city departments except police will have one employee on site to respond to immediate needs with the rest on call.
- Full police staffing will remain in force.
- City hall will be closed to the public but staffed to answer calls or deal with emergencies.
- Water payments can be made online at [www.cityoforegon.org](http://www.cityoforegon.org) or placed in the drop box in the front door at city hall.
- Building permits and other forms are online as well.
- Our building inspector is available by phone but will not be doing any onsite visits.
- Food stores, health care, gas stations, pharmacies and other locations deemed essential by the Governor remain open although their hours may change.
- A list of what the Governor considers essential was in my Facebook page FAQ post 3/22.
- The city council meeting will be held 3/24 at city hall and is open to the public but council members will be attending via Zoom online service. Those physically attending the meeting will be required to follow good distancing protocol. It will be projected on the screens in the council room by staff and we will make every attempt to have the link posted on our website so the public can participate.
- We will continue to provide updates as we have since our action team was formed. These updates appear on the Mayor's page, city page, police department page, the chamber page and our city website.

Again, your health, safety and wellbeing are our primary mission, please contact us if we can help.

**Ken Williams, Mayor**