

**Good morning and happy Tuesday! New and updated information for you . . .**

## **Restaurant/Bar Reopening FAQ Sheet**

Document from the state officially clarifying a lot of guidance for restaurants:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342i.pdf>

## **ACTION ALERT! Protect Employers from Litigation Abuse During COVID-19**

We are living in unprecedented times. Businesses across Oregon and the country have been shuttered due to the COVID-19 health crisis in an effort to curb the impact of the virus. As employers begin to look at reopening, many are worried that an employee or customer will contract the disease and sue, claiming that they got sick because the business could have done something more to protect the person, despite following the public health guidelines for reopening.

**Employers need assurance that there will be safe harbors in place to protect them from opportunistic or frivolous lawsuits.** Businesses who follow the guidelines issued by public health authorities should be able to safely provide their goods and services without the fear of crippling liability.

Business owners are already facing many challenges in this uncertain economic environment. We need timely, targeted and temporary liability protections to shield employers from legal risk when following the appropriate public health guidelines to protect employees and customers.

**Please tell Congress that liability protections are needed to shield employers from litigation abuse.**

**CONTACT CONGRESS TODAY**

## **Webinar Recordings for Phase 1 Reopening of Businesses Available ONLINE**

In case you missed last week's webinars for reopening of retail, restaurants/bars/tasting rooms and personal services, links to videos of those webinars are below:

### Reopening Retail

Meeting Recording: Skip forward to 60-minute mark

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/wddXc5ivrm9OEoWX6QbASKcxRJbeT6a82iccrKJfmU-yCH7lsXjg07t7YTpbOzs7>

### Reopening Restaurants/Bars/Tasting Rooms

Meeting Recording: Skip forward to five-minute mark

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/\\_ulbLpr6zWRJSZ3OzgbtVlcMHaHkX6a82nNI-vZZyEvHTW-FMyX-RZk60drv6kmW](https://zoom.us/rec/share/_ulbLpr6zWRJSZ3OzgbtVlcMHaHkX6a82nNI-vZZyEvHTW-FMyX-RZk60drv6kmW)

### Reopening Personal Services

Meeting Recording: Skip forward to four-minute mark

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/u\\_JHKqzb0mJOQJHy2GOOY5R7DIPFX6a8gyMdrPQOyh5cxn2BafipZ4PQddBjLoRH](https://zoom.us/rec/share/u_JHKqzb0mJOQJHy2GOOY5R7DIPFX6a8gyMdrPQOyh5cxn2BafipZ4PQddBjLoRH)

## **Updated Guidance on Face Coverings**

Under [new statewide guidance for face coverings](#), all of the following businesses must provide face coverings and require employees to wear them:

- Grocery stores
- Fitness-related organizations
- Pharmacies
- Public transit agencies and providers
- Personal services providers
- Restaurants, bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, tasting room and distilleries
- Retail stores
- Ride sharing services

In public, all Oregonians must wear a face covering on public transit, and the state strongly recommends that Oregonians wear a face covering in settings like grocery stores where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

## **Guidelines for Phase 1 Reopening**

**REMINDER:** The final guidelines for Phase 1 reopening for certain sectors are on OHA's website. Below are the links to view specific industry sector guidelines and be sure and check the chamber website <https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/> for updates on both final and draft guidelines for various industry sectors.

Sector Guidance: **RETAIL**

<https://sharesystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342A.pdf>

Sector Guidance: **RESTAURANTS/BARS/BREWERIES/TASTING ROOMS/DISTILLERIES**

<https://sharesystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342B.pdf>

Sector Guidance: **OUTDOOR RECREATION**

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342E.pdf>

Sector Guidance: **PERSONAL SERVICES**

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342F.pdf>

Sector Guidance: **GYMS/FITNESS**

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2352.pdf>

Sector Guidance: **SUMMER CAMPS**

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2357.pdf>

General Guidance for Employers:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342C.pdf>

Guidelines Regarding Face Covering Use in Public:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2288K.pdf>

Phase One Reopening Guidance for the Public:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342D.pdf>

## **ACT NOW! Support America's Recovery Fund**

In recent weeks, millions of small businesses across the country have been forced to close their doors in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The sudden loss in revenue has been devastating—putting paychecks, employees and hard-working families at risk. We need an urgent solution that will keep our businesses afloat and protect our communities in the long-term.

That's why the **America's Recovery Fund Coalition** was created, comprised of more than 100 organizations representing 58 million American workers and 45% of the American workforce. We are calling on Congress to create America's Recovery Fund, a relief fund for businesses to operate during this unprecedented crisis, retain and rehire employees, pay rent, meet debt obligations and pay taxes. American's Recovery Fund will be a vital lifeline to business, communities, workers, and state and local governments which rely on our success to fund local economies.

Now more than ever, members of Congress need to hear how the economic downturn is affecting you. **We need your personal stories** to show Congress business owners are depending on them and a recovery fund is needed . . . now!

To keep up with the latest from America's Recovery Fund Coalition, please visit the [website](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Twitter](#). To make it easy for you to tell Congress that you support the fund, click here: <https://actnow.io/usrecoveryfund>

## **Oregon Businesses Encouraged to Apply Estimated \$100 Billion in PPP Funds Still Available**

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, nearly \$100 billion in Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funding is still available for small businesses. Contact your banking institution, connect with a lender to learn more. Lists of Oregon financial institutions participating in SBA Paycheck Protection Program are available here for [credit unions](#) (provides website link to check and see if they are still accepting applications) and [banks](#) (categorized by whether they are accepting or not).

## **NEW! PPP Loan Forgiveness Application Available**

Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application.

The form and instructions inform borrowers how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans, consistent with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). SBA will also soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications, and to provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities.

The form and instructions include several measures to reduce compliance burdens and simplify the process for borrowers, including:

- Options for borrowers to calculate payroll costs using an “alternative payroll covered period” that aligns with borrowers’ regular payroll cycles
- Flexibility to include eligible payroll and non-payroll expenses paid or incurred during the eight-week period after receiving their PPP loan
- Step-by-step instructions on how to perform the calculations required by the CARES Act to confirm eligibility for loan forgiveness
- Borrower-friendly implementation of statutory exemptions from loan forgiveness reduction based on rehiring by June 30
- [Addition of a new exemption from the loan forgiveness reduction for borrowers who have made a good-faith, written offer to rehire workers that was declined](#)

The documents released today will help small businesses seek forgiveness at the conclusion of the eight-week covered period, which begins with the disbursement of their loans. [Click here](#) to view the application and instructions.

## **Need PPE?**

Businesses in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties can now order PPE (masks and hand sanitizer) from [www.sowibsupply.com](http://www.sowibsupply.com).

**NEW!** Personal services providers are encouraged to use Level 2 or Level 3 masks when “close-in” with customers (and face shields in some circumstances). Medford’s own Quantum Innovations, out of Medford, is one of the few places that has these masks in stock. They also sell surface disinfectant, no-touch thermometers and more: <https://qtmi.net/shop/>

## **NEW Information and Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic:** <https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/>

Please continue to check back, as the chamber updates its resource information almost daily. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

**We are so happy to see many of our local businesses starting to reopen. And, we are grateful for the patience and understanding their clients and customers will exhibit as these businesses adjust to and implement new guidelines for their operations.**

**Let us know how we can help. Tell us your story.  
Stay Safe...Stay Strong! We Are In This Together!  
Please remember . . .**



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