

*Resend...with correction. I may be unclear about what day of the week it is, but I'm certain today is not October 8. Maybe it was just wishful thinking.*

**Like most of you, we long for the day when you only receive one email a week from your chamber...when the need has passed to constantly bombard you with information. But, until then, here's some important information for you to know.**

## **FINAL Guidelines for Phase 1 Reopening**

As you know, during the Governor's press conference yesterday, she announced that beginning today, May 8, Oregon counties can submit a plan to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to reopen as early as next Friday, May 15, with a "phased" approach. While, as we well know, there are no guarantees in life, we are anticipating that Douglas County will be one of the counties entering Phase 1 reopening on May 15. Our county leadership through its Douglas County Covid-19 Response Team has done an amazing job ensuring we are prepared for this reopening.

The final guidelines for Phase 1 reopening (except for child care, still in draft) are now on OHA's website. Here are the links to view specific industry sector guidelines:

Sector Guidance: **RETAIL**

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

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

<https://sharedsystems.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>

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>

## **Webinars for Phase 1 Reopening of Douglas County Businesses**

The Governor's Office, in cooperation with local chambers and business and economic development organizations is offering a series of webinars to help small business owners understand the guidelines for the first phase (Phase 1) of reopening businesses.

The written version of the information that we will review is available on the OHA website at: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19> . Look for "OHA Guidance and Rules" beneath Governor's Orders and OHA Guidance about half-way down the page.

Each webinar will include:

- ◆ A review of the time-line (it is likely that counties in SW Oregon will be entering Phase 1 on May 15)
- ◆ A review of general business guidelines
- ◆ A review of guidance for specific industry sectors
- ◆ An opportunity to ask questions (and get answers!)

**The webinars will be offered on Monday.**

**1 PM: Re-Opening Retail**

**2 PM: Re-Opening Restaurants/Bars/Tasting Rooms**

**3 PM: Re-Opening Personal Services Businesses (hair and nail salons, massage, tattoo parlors, etc.)**

Webinar access information:

**Topic: Reopening Retail**

Time: May 11, 2020 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/j/91769849996>

Meeting ID: 917 6984 9996

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**Topic: Reopening Restaurants/Bars/Tasting Rooms**

Time: May 11, 2020 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/j/97874712574>

Meeting ID: 978 7471 2574

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**Topic: Reopening Personal Services**

Time: May 11, 2020 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/j/99208009684>

Meeting ID: 992 0800 9684

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## **NEW! Emergency Response Grant Program**

Travel Oregon has established a COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Program. It has a short opening window to **apply...May 11-15**. The fund is \$800,000 and specifically targets rural, small businesses and those who have **NOT received funds from EIDL or PPP**. Details can be found at:

<https://industry.traveloregon.com/opportunities/grants/covid-19-emergency-response-grant-program/>

## **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>

## **PPP Funds for Small Business Still Available**

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, more than 49,850 loans work in excess of \$6.8 billion have been approved for Oregon businesses during the first two rounds of funding under the CARES Act. Billions in PPP funding is still available for small businesses. Contact your banking institution, connect with a lender to learn more.

Visit [SBA.gov/paycheckprotection](https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection)

*As you know, the Paycheck Protection Program requires employers to use the funds for payroll. To be eligible for forgiveness, the employer has until June 30, 2020 to restore full-time employment and salary levels for any changes made between February 15 and April 26, 2020. If an employer doesn't complete this rehiring, the amount of forgiveness may be reduced. There are some exceptions.*

*What happens to my PPP if an employee refuses to return to work? If an employee refuses to return to work, the employer may be granted an exception to the rehiring rule so as to not be penalized by the actions of the employee. The SBA has provided guidance that, if an employer has made a good faith and written offer of rehire to an employee, and the employer has documentation showing the employee rejected the offer, this will qualify the employer for an exception to the PPP rules. It should also be noted that the employee may lose eligibility for unemployment benefits.*

**For more information, call the UCC Small Business Development Center at 541-440-7824.**

## **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).

## **SBA Makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) Available to U.S. Agricultural Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic**

U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that agricultural businesses are now eligible for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. SBA's [EIDL portal reopened Monday](#) as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the *Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act*. The legislation, signed into law by the President one week ago, provided additional funding for farmers and ranchers and certain other agricultural businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**The chamber's next membership luncheon previously scheduled for May 18 has been tentatively rescheduled for Monday, June 8...with, of course, back-up options at the ready!**

The luncheon program, a "Timber & Wood Products Industry Update," will be presented by Roseburg Forest Products president & CEO Grady Mulbery. More information to follow in a future "Chamber News" email.

**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.

**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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